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THE 2000 YEARBOOK
OF
ANNUAL REPORTS
For the Year, 1999

Dedicated in Christian Love to the Memory of

Leslie Wortz Wagoner, Jr.

Ruth C. Hurst

Hans E. Hirsch

Aurelia "Ree" Futrell Watson

J. Mark McAdams

Howard H. Edgerton

JOY ANNA HAMILTON WASHBURN

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2000

Rev. Arch B. Aitcheson,
Pastor and Teacher

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Membership Statistics for 1999
Elon College Community Church of the United Church of Christ

Members listed as of December 31, 1998	329
Associate members as of December 31, 1998	34
Members received during 1999	15
Associated Members received during 1999	1
Members transferred to other churches	0
Members deceased in 1999	11
Confirmed Membership as of December 31, 1999	338
Associate Members as of December 31, 1999	35

Church Office Hours in 1999

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

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The Church Staff

Rev. Arch Aitcheson,	Pastor
Dr. William J. Andes,	Pastor Emeritus
Ms. Tina D. Wright-Wood,	Office Manager
Ms. Darla J. Bray,	Choral Director
Mr. Mark Rumley,	Organist
Mrs. Betty Dillashaw,	Director, Bell Choir

Baptisms

2

Anna Catherine Covington - April 25, 1999
Sarah Bragg - May 23, 1999
Daniel Charles Bennett - June 20, 1999
Stella Jane Rutledge - November 7, 1999

Deaths

11

Leslie Wortz Wagoner, Jr.
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Aurelia "Ree" Futrell Watson
J. Mark McAdams
Howard H. Edgerton
Joy Anna Hamilton Washburn
Carolina Egerton Powell
Eugenia Gray Hilliard Wagoner
Ruth Harriette Dunn
Lucille Dean Kluttz Howard

Weddings

9

Mark Eric Hanneman and Carrie Julia Ward
Sheleen Marie Zweber and Christopher Doleman Beck
Melinda Ann Lynch and Jacob Leon Morrow
Vivian R. Snyder and Bryan S. Dekker
Tisha Marie Shaffer and Anthony Newton Ciaccio
Beverly Ann Beyer and Michael Paul Brown
Joy Lea Aitcheson and Nathan Neil Dunn
Kimberly Ayn Chatfield and James Alford Jasper
Tonyan Wilson Crump and Joseph Bernard Hunter, Sr.

1999 Memorials & Honorariums

Memorials have been received and acknowledged during 1999 for the following people:

Pearl Harper	Nancy Welborn	Al Carpenter
Jane Miller	Ruth Hurst	L.W. Wagoner
Leroy Hughes	Aurelia Watson	William Stevenson
Eugene Lankford	J. Mark McAdams	Minnie Stickles
Howard Edgerton	Joy Hamilton Washburn	Caroline Powell
Eugenia Wagoner	Ruth Dunn	Lucille Howard
Mr. & Mrs. John Truitt, Sr.	Jeanette Holder	Gertrude Barr
James Underhill	Murielann, Margaret & Louis Orsvath	

In Honor of:

Evelyn Terrell	Nina Matlock	Elizabeth Pickard
Mark McAdams	Ray & Cathy Covington	Richard Rinker
Lois Bost	Katherine Floyd	Helen Rippy

We extend our sympathy and our blessings to the families who have traveled the pathways of grief in 1999. We are thankful for the gifts which celebrate the lives of loved ones in the living Mission of Christ's church.

Life continues in the memories of those who remain behind. Life continues in the sacred promise of the Savior who conquers death and carries us to the realm of God which has no death.... no end.

Roberta Starr
Building Fund Secretary

Pastor's Report for 1999

❄ The past year was unique.

It was the last year of the twentieth century and the fast-paced decade of the 1990s. It was a year for our community that included staff changes, transitions, a pastor's sabbatical, and revelations that will impact the future.

"Unique" is the right word for this one.

This pastor concludes that it was most challenging and blessed.

❄Staff Changes.

After long months of substitute organists (**Jeanette Hassell, Nancy Thomas and Mary Alice Bragg**) and an interim with Mark Rumley, the search committee thought it was ready to hire an organist. A candidate agreed to come, but in the eleventh hour, felt that a young family and a commute from Chapel Hill would make her life too difficult. So the search was renewed.

Mark Rumley agreed to come, and have we ever been blessed! The beautiful sounds of our pipe organ can be heard again! What a wonderful asset it has become in Mark's hands!

The music program has prospered under the capable direction of **Darla Bray** and the support of **Betty Dillashaw**. Betty stepped down as regular accompanist, but continued as bell choir director. We have heard them often in worship this year!

In December we said good-byes to **Rebecca A. Peeler**, who served us for over four years as Director of Christian Education and Program Development. Her humor and organizational ability will be missed by the rest of the staff and by many of you who have enjoyed her friendship and leadership. We all wish her well in her continued ministry.

Delma and Carolyn Cummings continue to try to maintain our facilities in the few part-time hours we allow for such service. They are not full-time custodians, contrary to some perceptions. They work hard at a task that is larger than the hours or equipment provided suggest. That means **you** need to help us keep our Church buildings clean, by picking up after events, offering a hand on special clean-up days, etc.

Pastor's Report continued....

❄ Transitions and Sabbatical

The year included those bridging events that forced all of us to evaluate, study, pray and serve in new and different ways.

Stewardship leadership tried to get us to focus on our response to God by our giving and our ministry. We were asked to pledge, not to meet a budget, but to try to do all that we could in our thankful response for living in the affluence of this hemisphere. We were asked to sign up to give our time and energy in service to the local church and beyond.

The Sabbatical Period (July 1 to October 1) required transition periods before my departure and upon my return. It also required some adjustment on the part of members for that period. **Dr. Kenneth Tyson** made a hit with many of you who experienced his caring ministry through difficult times. **Dr. J. Earl Danieley** tried to keep the administrative side of this office moving ahead. A long list of guest clergy provided inspiration at Sunday worship. Board chairs and members had to take on tasks that have often been left to the pastor! (Many of your reported how tired you were. I do understand!) The transition may have been awkward at times, but for the most part we all discovered that things can go forward in the pastor's absence.

The transition for me allowed me to get myself, spiritually, emotionally and physically in shape before returning to all of your questions and needs. Many of you "waited until I returned" to bring your concerns. Those first weeks were hectic!

The Service of Worship at Elon College for the Inauguration of **Dr. Leo Lambert** gave us an opportunity to be one with people of different faith traditions as we celebrated a new era in leadership at our related institution. We had all extended our best to **Fred and Phyllis Young** and rejoiced that they would remain a part of us in their "retirement".

Together we faced the transitions created by the deaths of so many wonderful and faithful church members and created by the addition of so many wonderful new members.

Pastor's Report continued . . .

❄Revelations

Several items revealed to this pastor worth your prayerful reflection as we move into the future.

✳ Task Forces for change have been named to explore the needs for new and exciting worship offerings for the future.

✳ Member's commitment to providing support for: Nursery and Child care during worship and fellowship activities is crucial to our continued growth. It has been difficult to cope when those who commit to share in this ministry fail to show up or to do their part in this vital ministry to young families and children.

✳It is more and more difficult to find those of you willing to serve on Boards and Committees to carry on the work of this church. The reorganization of the Christian Education Board has been attempt to Focus on task orientation and stewardship of volunteer time.

✳Our facilities are aging and constantly "surprise" us with needs for repair, remodeling or replacement. Our trustees struggle to keep ahead of needs and long-range concerns.

✳Keeping our facility clean and presentable requires more than the 12-18 hours provided by the employment of our custodians. Some members complain about dust, cobwebs, etc. Blessed are those who see a clean-up need and give the time and energy to clean it themselves! We are in this together!

✳Our aging community's needs put more and more demands upon the pastor, upon our Stephen's Ministry team and all those who volunteer.

✳Staff members **Tina Wright-Wood, Darla Bray, Delma and Carolyn Cummings, Becky Peeler, Betty Dillashaw and Mark Rumley** often put in more hours than most of you imagine. Many of us not only support the church by our financial stewardship, but by our time and energy beyond budget and salary guidelines. Those of you who offer a kind word of thanks and pitch in to be helpful make the work enjoyable.

Pastor's Report *continued . . .*

*We are blessed with solid support and participation by many of our core membership. The support of everyone makes our ministries more effective!

***Visions for the future**

This part is up to you. It will depend upon your willingness to dream, to work and to commit yourself to the ministry of Jesus Christ at Elon College Community Church. As your pastor, I can offer leadership and support as the journey into century twenty-one begins. I cannot make the future happen for you.

Christ has much for us to do in today's world.
You are crucial in making that ministry happen.
I look forward to working with you!

Respectfully and Prayerfully submitted,

Arch Aitcheson
Pastor and Teacher

1999 Annual Report
Personnel Committee
Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ

The Personnel Committee is charge with responsibility for oversight of employment issues for all members of the church staff. The Committee centers its work upon the job description and job performance for each employee based upon the employee personnel manual for Elon College Community Church. The committee met on a quarterly basis this year to review expectations, goals, and performance of each member of the church staff. An annual evaluation of every employee's job performance was conducted in August of 1999. Reports of evaluation for all church staff with the exception of the pastor were received from Rev. Aitcheson. Formal annual review for Rev. Aitcheson was conducted by the Committee.

The Personnel Committee is responsible for all employment matters for the church staff. The committee is also charged with submitting annual salary requests to the Finance Committee. Annual evaluations and salary requests are based solely on the comparison of job performance to job description.

The Personnel Committee would like for the congregation, which is the actual employer of all church staff, to contact any member of the Personnel Committee at any time during the year with questions, comments, praise, or concerns about the employment performance of any member of the church staff. The pastor and the Personnel Committee rely on members of the church for honest and direct feedback in matters related to employee performance.

We are pleased to report that we have a very seasoned and high functioning church staff at Elon College Community Church. We are blessed to have such a fine team of employees serving our congregation. All positions, with the exception of Director of Christian Education are filled. A search to fill this vacant position will be conducted in early 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick G. Grosse

Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Grosse
Chairperson

Committed Members: Earl Danieley, Wally Snyder, Carol Heinzerling, Barry Raker, Rev. Arch Aitcheson (ex-officio)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT
ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
December 31, 1999

Music in our church during 1999 has continued to be the result of a team effort, with this year's team including more professional musicians, more guest musicians, more Elon College students, and more church members.

Guest Musicians

Phil Bray, tenor
The Cathedral Brass, brass quartet
Tom Connally, soloist
Bekah Davis, soloist
Heidi Danieley, flutist
Elon College Gospel Choir
First Class Octet
Mollie Lambert, soprano
Nina Matlock's trombone trio
Carole Troxler, soprano
Thomas Turanchik's Woodwind Ensemble
Thomas Turanchik's Wind Quartet
Thomas Turanchik, oboe and clarinet soloist
Arlene Widerman, soprano

Interim Organists in '99

Mary Alice Bragg
Jannette Hassell
Mark Rumley
Nancy Thomas

Total Numbers in Choirs

Chancel Choir: 30 singers
2 staff
Chancel Ringers: 18 adults
12 youth
1 staff

Elon College Students in ECCC Choirs

Lauren Boyce
Melissa Damaso
Jamie Fitzgerald, Artist-in-Residence, 1998-99
Stephanie Lambert
Crystal Pape
Liz Timbale
Thomas Turanchik
Erica Waldman

Darla Bray
Betty Dillashaw
Mark Rumley

Special Services/Events Involving our Musicians

Lenten Service, March 3
July 4 Sunday Service
Music Camp with Handbells, July 27 - 29
Community Worship Service at Elon College, September 12
Moravian Love Feast, December 5

Other Important Highlights of 1999

- During the summer, a fund was started to purchase 15 new choir robes.
- The 40 choir robes and stoles were cleaned in August.
- Mark Rumley became our permanent organist on August 22.
- The adult choirs and the music staff served a meal to the Allied Churches Shelter the first Friday in August.
- The organ was serviced and tuned in the fall.
- Pianos in the church have been tuned twice in 1999.

Moderator Report 1999

Let me start with....What an honor to serve as Moderator and add that at the same time a humbling experience to serve with so many dedicated and hard working members of this church.

This year we continued our projects and events as in the past. Moravian Love Feast, College Football Sunday, Homecoming, a successful and entertaining Service Faire, and providing Shelter Meals.

We sent our Pastor and Teacher off on a well deserved (a year late) sabbatical. Interim Ken Tyson, our minister members and Earl Danieley served the 3 months Arch was away.

We saw Ray Turner off to the Lancaster Seminary with a check and laptop computer. Heather Dillashaw was recommended for Ordination.

We acquired Mark Rumley as our regular organist and what a wonderful addition to our staff. With Darla Bray and Betty Dillashaw our music ministry is in good hands.

We regretfully accepted Becky Peeler's resignation. She had served over four years as our Director of Christian Education.

We look forward to a new Century, a new year and new dedication to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Lyon

The responsibilities of the Board of Trustees include the maintenance of the building and grounds, Parish House, parsonage and the church van. During the course of the year many routine matters were considered and acted upon.

The building supervisors, Biff Brafford and Harvey Hook, perform many of the maintenance tasks. This year they had important assistance from Jim Starr. Eugene Grimley has agreed to be 'in training" to assist them with this work.

The possibility of covering the steeple with copper has been studied. Proposals have been received from two contractors. Because of the difference in the proposals, additional proposals are being sought.

A new water cooler was donated and installed in the downstairs corridor.

A proposed landscape plan has been drawn. Action on the plan is pending.

Proposed plans and cost estimates were obtained for an elevator for the church. Because of the high cost and the apparent lack of interest shown in a survey of the church, this project has been delayed. The architectural firm was paid for the preliminary work.

The College was permitted to use two classrooms two days each week during the fall semester. They paid $1,000 and provided custodial services during this period.

Earl Danieley

Earl Danieley, Chairman
Jo Grimley, Secretary

Other trustees: Joe Davis, Paul Fairfield, Brian Harper, Rollin Heinzerling, Richard Orsvath, David Ruth, Jim Starr.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Board of Deacons had a very , busy , active year in 1999. The Deacons have many responsiblities no one really knows unless you have been on the Board of Deacons in more recent years. We provide comfort and support to members of our congregation in many difficult and trying times. We felt even more responsibility since our pastor was on sabbatical for three months. It was good to have Rev. Ken Tyson in interim to help with visitation of the ones who needed it most, the ill, lonely, and those who needed special attention. It was good to start the "Deacon on Call" in which each deacon takes a week to be available in times of need. We also continue the "Deacon- in- Care " list which helps our Deacons maintain responsiblity of providing care and comfort to our church families. This means contact in person, telephone,or by letter at different times of the year, perhaps when first becoming a deacon then other times during the year. We now have name tags that identify us as Deacons , so as to be helpful to fellow members and visitors.

The Board of Deacons has the responsiblity of scheduling and serving each of the communion services during the year. Each Deacon provides the elements for the service. This year we started serving Holy Communion to those who could not be present by taking communion to them in their homes. This has been very meaningful to those whom we have served. It gives an opportunity to become acquainted with our members too. We also coordinate special Easter and Christmas Eve Communion services.

One of our biggest responsibilties has been to help those in time of death within the church family and beyond. We learn how we can be of service to the family during this time, and offer a meal if that is desired at the time and place they wish. Jackie Matlock has had the major responsibilty for this and to her we are grateful. We need others to help in setting up this endeavor. We are thankful for the response when we call for food to be prepared and served.

Bill Ruth has been the Deacon to recruit and schedule ushers for our church services, and for special services. We now have an usher outside near the side -parking lot so if any one needs assistance by way of an arm or wheel chair , they are there to help you.

Wilma Williamson has been assigninng and scheduling liturgists for Sunday Morning services. We are grateful for her work. If anyone wishes to be a liturgist , call one of the Deacons.

One big job that I must mention is decorating the church for Christmas. We usually meet the first Saturday of Advent to do this. All the decorations are now stored at the church but we need people, youth or young adults to can climb a tall ladder to reach the top of the Chrismon tree and also hang wreaths on the windows. Thanks!

The Deacons also regularly provide a meal for the Allied Churches Shelter. I am grateful for the help of the deacons for this year 1999. Lou Harper, Wilma Williamson, Kay Hensley, Jackie Maclock, Lynn Denny, Steve Perry, Barry Raker, and Bill Ruth. It has been a year for which I am grateful and happy I could serve as one of your deacons.

Beth Wilkins

BOARD OF EVANGELISM
1999 Annual Report

The Board of Evangelism experienced a very busy but very successful and rewarding year. The Board met each month to plan fellowship activities for the church community. This year's activities have included:

Year Round Activities

- Providing greeters each Sunday morning worship service.
- Serving lemonade after worship during the summer months.
- Organizing the bread ministry for those who have visited during worship service.
- Representing the Board of Evangelism at New Member classes.
- Keeping the outside bulletin board up to date.

Other Activities

- February: Hosted a Chinese Fellowship Luncheon.
- April: Prepared and served a meal at the Allied Churches shelter.

  Hosted a Mediterranean Fellowship Luncheon.

  Solicited goodies, assembled, and delivered exam goodie bags for our college students.
- May: Hosted and prepared food for a new member's luncheon.
- August: Along with the help of the congregation, sent hand written notes to incoming UCC Elon College students.

  Hosted the Elon College football team for worship service and lunch during the third annual "Football Sunday".
- October: Hosted "Octoberfest" fellowship luncheon. Over 100 were in attendance and over $550 was raised for Parish House kitchen supplies.
- November: Solicited goodies, assembled, and delivered exam goodie bags for our college students.

Thanks goes to the Board Members with a special thank you to Kim Perry, Liz Benson, Christy Ruth, and Olga Griswold for their individual efforts and dedication. Also, thank you, the members of the congregation, for your support of our programs. The Board of Evangelism looks forward to the upcoming year that will provide numerous fellowship opportunities, including a new Bread Ministry program and planned trips for the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Vogg, Chair

Board of Missions

The Board of Missions held eleven monthly meetings during 1999. In addition, a special called meeting was held in June.

At the first meeting of the Board in January, individual members of the Board assumed designated responsibilities for our various activities, such as the food bank and Special Fridays. This helped considerably as we fulfilled our tasks throughout the year.

The accomplishments noted in the 1998 Annual Report were reviewed at the January meeting as well as the proposed budget for 1999. We decided to leave adjustments to the budget committee. A meal was planned for the Allied Church Shelter for February 4. The Women's Fellowship asked the Board to assist in a mission study on March 8 and we agreed to co-sponsor the event featuring Miles Welborn as the speaker.

The mission moment for OGHS was given on March 7th. The following Sunday, March 14, OGHS was observed with a video presentation and the OGHS offering.

In April, we voted to invite Rev. Maria Palmer to speak to our church on July 25 and to receive a special offering for her new church in Chapel Hill. Rev. Palmer had previously spoken to the Women's Fellowship about her Spanish Mission. The Mission Board also approved an appeal to the congregation on April 18 on behalf of the Healing the Children program.

A special meeting was held on June 21 to consider the Mission Board's budget to be presented to the Church Budget Committee. The local budget, which included the various concerns and interests of the church within our area, amounted to $3,145.00. The amount of the budget for Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) beyond the local area amounted to $18,745.00. These amounts were given approval by the Mission Board and presented to the Budget Committee.

Rev. Maria Palmer accepted our invitation and spoke to the church on July 25. An offering, which exceeded $800.00, was received on August 1 for her Spanish Mission in Chapel Hill.

At the September meeting, Charles Wilkins spoke about the situation in Turkey. Also, it was announced that the Neighbors in Need offering would be received on the first Sunday in October.

The surplus of pantry items was sent to Eastern North Carolina in October to assist Hurricane Floyd flood victims. To replenish our supplies, we requested and received permission to continue the collection of food for the pantry on the Sunday following Thanksgiving.

The congregation can be very proud of the fact that Elon College Community Church again met assessments for OCWM and the Eastern Association for the year. Very few churches in the Conference do this year after year, as we continue to do.

The chair expresses appreciation to the members of the Board of Missions for a job well done during this past year.

Wally Snyder

Wally Snyder
Board Chairman

1999 Annual Report of the Board of Christian Education

This year was marked by the reorganization of the Board of Christian Education, participation in the Leadership Development Workshop, and countless other events.

Our nursery has been blessed with Marion Aitcheson, who has done wonders in the nursery. We continue to need help each Sunday, with the infants, toddlers and second hour, because one person cannot do it alone.

Some of the Highlights of 1999 include:
April - Blessing of the Baskets, Easter Egg Hunt
Teacher Appreciation Day 'God Plants the Seeded of Joy!'
May - Shelter Meal for Allied Churches
June - Restructuring of the Board of Christian Education
July - Vacation Bible School 'Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure'
August - Leadership Workshop
September - Rally Sunday and Picnic
Bible Mentor Program
December - Advent Dinner and Play

We are always looking for teachers and those interested in helping with programs for our church families, extended families, children, youth and young at heart. The programs for the coming year are going to be fun and exciting. No experience is necessary, just your true interested in helping with the exciting future of Christian Education at Elon College Community Church. Those who want to become involved, please call the Church Office.

I would like to thank Becky Peeler for the programs and hard work of this past year, and wish her well in the coming years.

For the best Christian Education:
Open your mind...
Open your heart...
Open your spirit...
And let life blossom ...

Sue Shipley
Board of Christian Education

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
CONGREGATION MEETING
MINUTES- December 12, 1999

Elon College Community Church held a Congregation Meeting after the worship service on December 12, 1999 to discuss the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the church boards and the proposed budget for 1999-2000 from the Budget and Finance Committee.

Jim Lyon, church moderator, opened the meeting and Arch Aitcheson offered up a prayer.

The minutes from the spring Congregation Meeting were approved in a motion from Shirley Beyer and seconded by Wally Snyder.

Arch Aitcheson reviewed the nominations as proposed by the Nominating Committee. He also pointed out that several positions were still open on different boards. It was Arch's recommendation that the congregation accept the Nominating Committee's proposed selections. Shirley Beyer put it in a form of a motion that was seconded by Barry Raker.

Bill Beyer reviewed the proposed budget as submitted by the Budget and Finance Committee. The net total has a shortage of approximately $25,000. As several members have not returned their pledge statements, Bill Beyer proposed a two-part motion. First that letters be sent out to the members who have not pledged reminding them to do so, and second to request each member to increase their pledge by 10% for the coming year. Ken Harper seconded the motion. Bill said the Budget and Finance Committee would meet again in January to balance the budget.

With no further business to discuss, Jim Lyon adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimma Causey

Jimma Causey
Secretary

December 12, 1999

Women's Fellowship 1999

The Women's Fellowship consists of three circles which met monthly January and February with a General Meeting ain march which was a Mission program on Indonesia presented by Rev. Miles Walburn a former missionary as guest speaker.

Circles I, II and III met monthly in April and May continuing the theme "Lessons on Forgiveness and Grace" a study on the queen of Hawaii Queen Lili'uokalani.

A General Meeting of all circles was held in June with guest speaker Maria Palmer who spoke on ministering to a Spanish speaking congregation in our community.

Circles met in either July or August and the fiscal new year was begun in September with a General Meeting. Guest speaker was Dr. Carol Chase of the faculty of Elon College. Topic: "Liberation Theology as Practical in Latin America."

Women's Fellowship contributed $300 for the third year toward the Ministerial Scholarship for our seminary student, Heather Dillashaw. We also sponsored a child through our Board for World Ministries for $252 annually, Church Youth were given $200, another $200 was given to World Hunger Fund, $100 for emergency fund and $400 to Christmas Cheer.

Women's Fellowship participated in Church Women United Bible Study, World Community Day, World Day of Prayer and May Fellowship Day. Members attended Eastern N.C. Association Fall Enrichment Meeting in September and Summer Conference in June. Life memberships were given to Josie Huey, Page and Howard Edgerton and Nora Griswold.

Our circle remember all our "shut-in" members and friends with monthly mailing of cards and prepare a meal for the Allied Churches Homeless Shelter as well as help with meals for bereaved families.

Roberta Starr, Secretary

Service Faire Committee
1999 Annual Report

The steering committee for the 1999 Service Faire began their duties at a luncheon meeting in April. November 13, 1999 was selected for the faire and committee heads were chosen. Preliminary plans such as merchant contacts were also begun. The next meeting was held in August when more definite plans got underway. Regular meetings were held beginning in September.

The committee members were: Arch Aitcheson (set-up), Liz Aitcheson, Ann and Kim Acquilano, Ken Bensen (chair), Liz Bensen, Biff Brafford, Earl Danieley (auctioneers), Verona Danieley, Joe an Bekah Davis, Sara Dodson (tellers), Melva Foster (cashiers and bid bags), Val and George Padgett, Becky Peeler, Barry Raker (publicity), Linda Raker (catalogue and publicity), Jim and Roberta Starr, Linda Vogg (refreshments).

Thank you to all the committee members who gave their time and efforts for the Service Faire. We also owe thanks to Tina Wright-Wood for typing and mailing correspondence and reminders for us. We appreciate the work done by the tellers, cashiers and auctioneers. The tellers and cashiers kept business running smoothly. The lively auctioneers added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

The committee especially wished to thank all the members of the congregation who gave the donations and made the purchases that made the 1999 Service Faire successful. Total funds raised were $5,700.00.

The final meeting was held November 27th to fill out donation receipts. There was a brief discussion of possible changes for next year's event.

This is an annual event and your continued support is very important.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Bensen

Annual Report, Special Fridays:

Special Fridays has been held the first Friday of every month in 1999, except for the summer months, June-September. Sometimes as many as nine "special kids" have attended, sometimes only six "regulars" who have been coming for ten years--ever since John Hemphill began this group to give a free evening to parents of autistic kids once a month.

Laura Chatfield (with Jesse and Michael), Bill Ruth, the Aquilanos, Roberta Starr, Sue Shipley, and Linda Vogg have supervised, while Katy Grosse, Susan Heinzerling, Sara Bragg, Kim Aquilano, Claire Welborn and David Brown have helped. In addition, about ten or eleven Elon College students have helped regularly, some of them for the last three years. Some are Teaching Fellows, some represent Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, some are from Hillel or the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, etc.

Special Fridays is a night out for special adolescents who don't have a lot of evening activities. It's a time their parents can have dinner-for-two or a movie. But nobody has more fun than those of us (different ages) who "hang out" together in the church parish house, play games and draw, chat and dance--all of us enjoying each other's company.

Eleanor Kretchan

GENERAL FUND

	As of 12/31/99	Budget 12/31/99	+/-
Income	$250,404.19	$247,483.00	$2,921.19
Expenses	$256,270.17	$253,591.00	$2,679.17
Deficit( )	**($5,865.98)**		

NOTE: THE ACTUAL INCOME AND EXPENSE IS INCREASED BY $7000.00 (WE HAD TO BORROW & PAY BACK $7000.00 FROM THE BUILDING FUND TO PAY THE STAFF FOR SEPTEMBER)

Funds on hand	12/31/99	Funds on hand	12/31/98
Checking	$3,697.43	Checking	$9,136.30
Money Market	$1,272.10	Money Market	$6,674.47
Total	**$4,969.53 ******	Total	$15,810.77
Designated/Liabilities	$24,652.78	Designated/Liabilities	$29,628.06
Actual on hand	($19,683.25)	Actual on hand	($13,817.29)
Reserve	$11,980.66	Reserve	$7,840.71
Net Available	**($7,702.59)**	Net Available	**($5,976.58)**

******WE WILL HAVE TO BORROW FROM THE BUILDING FUND TO MAKE THE JANUARY 2000 PAYROLL!!!**

1999 MISSION EXPENDITURES		**1998 MISSION EXPENDITURES**	
World Missions	$15,459.00	World Missions	$15,138.00
Local Missions	$3,045.00	Local Missions	$2,450.00
Special Offerings	$4,244.50	Special Offerings	$2,907.94
Good Samaritan	$7,912.79	Good Samaritan	$9,481.56
Total	**$30,661.29**	**Total**	**$29,977.50**
% of Total Expenditures	**11.96%**	**% of Total Expenditures**	**13.38%**

BUILDING\MEMORIAL FUNDS

	12/31/99		
Building Fund	$10,432.16	Checking	$545.40
Capital Fund Drive '96	$1,959.49	Money Market	$34,346.80
New Fellowship Bld	$10,755.22	Certificate of Deposit	$11,187.55
Interest Received	$3,395.35	Total	$46,079.75
Interest Paid	($4,305.00)		
Steeple Repair Fund	$5,188.33		
Other Memorials	$18,654.20		
Total	**$46,079.75**	Net Available	**$46,079.75**

AC/ETC FUND SUMMARY AS OF 12/31/99

Summary By Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	Total
Income	$38,838.56	$23,046.75	$27,306.86	$13,207.08	$102,399.25
Expenditures	($74,971.05)	($17,468.81)	($3,500.00)	($4,500.00)	($100,439.86)
Interest Paid	($254.67)	($3,555.33)	($495.00)	$0.00	($4,305.00)

Expenditures

	(Estimated)	(Actual)
New Air Conditioning System	$74,971.05	$75,092.49
Paving Parking Lots (April 1997)	$16,600.00	$16,347.37
Tithe Projects:		
Habitat for Humanity of Ala County	$5,000.00	$5,000.00
Seminary Scholarship Fund	$5,400.00	$4,000.00
Interest on loan	$6,000.00	$4,305.00
Total	$107,971.05	$104,744.86

Pledge Status

Pledged Income	$104,900.00
Total Available (Pledged+Memorials)	$104,900.00

Pledges Received as of 12/31/99	$102,399.25
Outstanding Pledged Income	$2,500.75

Memorials Pledged to AC/ETC	Account #	
Clemm	8551	$205.00
Schmidt	8552	$650.00
Vickers	8560	$673.00
Woosley	8565	$572.50
Total		$2,100.50

Budget and Finance Committee
1999 Annual Report

The Budget and Finance Committee met several times during 1999. Most meetings were combined with the Stewardship Committee.

Committee members include include: Bill Barbee, Ken Bensen, Ken Harper, Rollin Heinzerling, Dave Turnage and Ann Vickers.

The proposed budget for 2000 was prepared using estimated fixed expenses for the coming year and the budgets submitted by the church boards.

The budget has not been finalized pending receipt of all year 2000 pledges.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Bensen

CUB SCOUT PACK 51

Fifty-three boys: sixteen Tiger Cubs (first graders), thirteen Cubs (second and third graders) and twenty-four Webelos (fourth and fifth graders) are members of the church's Cub Scout pack. Seventeen adults provide leadership for the seven dens that meet each Monday night. These are den leaders Marty and Jill Baker, Susan Harrington, Mary Kaczor, Jody Emond, Sara Bragg, Sid Holt, John Smith, Miguel Bejos, Nadine Arico, Jeff Brenner, John Haigh, Ledana Kernodle, Terry Atkinson, and assistant cubmasters Junior Bare, and Alton Trott. Please join me in thanking them for sharing their time and talents.

In March and April six Webelos received the Arrow of Light which is the highest award in Cub Scouting. We again exceeded the national standards for rank advancement, and for the percent of our Cubs who participate in the summertime programs. This summer eight Cubs, two den chiefs, and two leaders attended Cub Day Camp for one week. Fifteen Webelos Scouts, two den chiefs, and five adult leaders attended the first Webelos Resident Camp at our council's new Cub Scout facility, Woodfield Scout Preservation. We are excited that Sara Bragg who was a member of the Woodfield Summer Camp staff is now an active leader in our pack. Pack 51 will receive the National Summertime Pack Award and the Honor Unit Award for 1999.

Some highlights of our program this year have been our Pack's spring camping trip to Woodfield Scout Preservation in April. Sixty-two people from our pack spend the weekend camping together. Junior Bare and his crew cooked dinner and breakfast for all those hungry folks. This summer we went to a baseball game, and had a well attended swimming party and hot dog supper at the Gibsonville Club. Several of our scouts attended the Mom and Me and Dad and Me weekends at Woodfield. Last May the cubs participated in a bike safety program, bike inspection and bike rodeo. Our annual fund raiser, the pack's Father and Son Cake Sale in November provided some unusual and creative cakes and was a lot of fun for everyone. At our December Pack meeting each boy received a "pinewood derby". At our January meeting the cars which the boys build will be judged for design and creativity, and speed.

We have had a great year! We appreciate the continued support of our pack committee members: Jim Brown, chairman; Henry Buckner; Charles Lisum,and Mack Scott.

George Troxler
Cubmaster

Elon College Community Church
1999 History
Recorded by William J. Andes, Church Historian

January 1999
The new year began with new church officers: James Lyon (Moderator), Ray Covington (Moderator Elect), Bill Beyer (Treasurer), Ann Acquilano (Assistant Treasurer), Jimma Causey (Secretary)

The Nominating Committee reported 49 people in leadership responsibilities plus eight people on the church staff, a total of 57 leaders. All of us are called to serve under the leadership of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church. Newly elected leaders met to plan for 1999. New members' luncheon provided information regarding the mission of the Elon College Community Church. A Stephen Ministry Retreat shared experiences and provided courage for the future. Reverend Michael Lorentsen, Roman Catholic Chaplain at Elon College, preached January 24 on the topic "A Unity Light". Guest organists served for several Sundays. Mark Rumley became the "Interim Organist" to serve through Holy Week.

February 1999
Youth Fellowship held a Valentine's Dinner February 12. The Evangelism Board arranged a Chinese banquet on February 21. Leaders of the church were installed February 7. Each leader was given a small candle and went to the chancel to receive light and then to the congregation to light their candles. "Let our lights shine," said Arch Aitcheson, our pastor. Three new deacons were ordained: Barry Raker, Bill Ruth and Steve Perry. Matthew Woody received the "God in Life" Award. Lent began February 21. Pastor and people prayed that God would claim us as children of the Eternal Realm and bring us to a new Vision of Life in Christ.

March 1999
Community Lenten services were held at First Baptist Church of Elon, Elon College Community Church, Shallow Ford UCC, First Baptist church of Morgan Place, First United Methodist Church of Elon, and Trinity Worship Center. Mrs. Ruth Hurst of Modesto, California, a former member of Elon College Community

Church, died March 12 in her 97th year. Her husband, Alfred W. Hurst, former pastor of the Elon College Community Church, preceded her in death. Interestingly enough, the choir of our church sang an anthem on March 14 entitled, "Great is Thy Faithfulness." The Hursts had been living with their son in California for the last few years. Palm Sunday, March 28, UCC churches in Alamance County met in a Palm Sunday Service at the Lakeview United Church of Christ. Reid Dickins is the pastor and Emmett Floyd was the preacher.

April 1999

A fellowship luncheon was held at Nick's Cuisine. Pastor Arch Aitcheson notified the church of his plans for his sabbatical July-September 1999. Mr. Aitcheson told us that he would be in Dominican Republic May 1-8 with the "Healing the Children" program. Burlington area Men's Fellowship met at Lakeview UCC.

May 1999

Commencement at Elon College was May 22. Ken Tyson was elected to be the Sabbatical Interim Pastor of Caring and Worship during the Sabbatical of Pastor Aitcheson. During the Sabbatical, the deacons were on call to minister to the congregation.

June-July 1999

Becky Peeler, Director of Christian Education, requested "in care status" in the process toward ordination. Her request was approved and forwarded to the committee of the Eastern North Carolina Association. Maria Palmer, pastor of La Iglesia Unidade Cristo in Chapel Hill, preached July 25. Young Adult class studied Nouwen's "Making all Things New." The Board of Christian Education now has six members: A chairperson, a nursery coordinator, a children's coordinator, a youth coordinator, an adult coordinator, and a family coordinator. (The Church Constitution was amended.) June 27 Arch Aitcheson, pastor, received the "Blessing" of the congregation as he left on his Sabbatical – a time of learning, retreat and spiritual renewal to equip him for ministry with us in the years to come. In his absence, Dr. J. Earl Danieley served as Interim Administrator and Rev. Kenneth Tyson, a Methodist minister, served as Interim Pastoral Care and Worship Leader. Dr. Leo Lambert became the eighth president of Elon College, inauguration date: September 12, 1999. After six months on the

job, the Burlington Times News labeled him as "a Star on the Rise." Fred Young, former president of Elon College for the past 25 years, said, "The most helpful thing I can do is not be in the way. I'm impressed by his youth and enthusiasm. It was time for a new person. My impression is that he is enormously happy." Rollin Russell resigned as Conference Minister of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ to accept an appointment to the faculty at Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pa. "My task," he said, "is to convene groups of pastors, lay leaders and seminary faculty for intensive study and discussion on the future of the church, the ministry, and seminary preparation."

News of the Southern Conference Ministries, June 1999: The 34th annual meeting of the Southern Conference of the UCC was held June 3-5 at Hampton, Va. Theme: "What a Fellowship...What a Covenant." Guest speakers: The Rev. Dr. Randi Walker of Pacific School of Religion and the Rev. Dr. Yvonne Delk, retired, but previously the Executive Director of the Office for Church in Society of the UCC.

J. Mark McAdams died at the age of 97. He was instrumental in obtaining and moving the Parish House here from Camp Butler where it was the chapel and he was chairman of the Building Committee for the church sanctuary (1958-59) and the church parsonage.

The Burlington Area UCC Laymen's Fellowship met at Haw River UCC on July 22. Eight men from Elon Community Church attended. Thirteen scholarships of $500 each were given to high school seniors going to college. June 14-18 eight cub scouts attended Alamance District Day Camp. July 14-17, fifteen Webelos scouts attended the fourth session of the First Webelos President Camp at the Woodfield Scout Preservation.

August 1999

August 8 Carol Troxler played "A Dulcimer Medley of Small Gifts" at church service. Mark Rumley began as regular organist on August 22. This was football Sunday. Approximately 100 coaches and members of the 1999 Fightin' Christians football team attended the worship service. Trustees met with Moser Mayes Phoenix Associates to discuss installation of an elevator.

September 1999

The Ecumenical Worship Service on September 12 was held at Koury Center on the campus of Elon College. Over 1,000 people attended. Rev. Richard McBride, chaplain of Elon College, was the preacher. His subject was: "Long Live Elon College." Darla Bray was choral director and Janie Brown was organist. Worshippers came from Elon College Community Church, First Baptist Church on Haggard Avenue, Baptist Church of Morgan Place, First Methodist Church of Twin Lakes, and other nearby churches. The Ecumenical Service was part of the Inauguration of Leo Lambert as President of Elon College. The College served lunch on the campus. Bill Ellis wrote the Alma Mater, which was used at the service. Ray Charles Turner is a ministerial student at Lancaster Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania. Rally Day was held September 26. The Steeple Fund continues to grow - $4,168 on hand. Need $6500. Kenneth Tyson concluded his ministerial duties as Interim Minister on September 26.

October 1999

Arch Aitcheson returned from his Sabbatical October 1. In the October Torch he wrote his "Sabbatical Message." Your historian has known many Sabbaticals of ministers. None surmounts this well-planned and so much accomplished as our pastor's Sabbatical. "October Fest," had good German food and desserts prepared by Linda Vogg. Money raised will be used to update the Parish House kitchen. Youth officers for 1999-2000: President Leigh Ann Denny, Vice President Sarah Bragg, Secretary Kim Acquilano, Fund Raising Chair Callie Lambert, Historian Jeff Wilkins. Outstanding Educators: Carole W. Troxler, Betty Dillashaw and Susan E. Brown. Congratulations to Joy Lea Aitcheson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Arch Aitcheson, and Nathan Neil Dunn who were married October 23.

November 1999

A Service Faire supper held on November 13 featured the sale of wreaths, ceramics, furniture, crafts, Christmas ornaments and great food. Raised $5,000. College students served a spaghetti supper to benefit Habitat for Humanity. They also offered to help people in the community who needed help in and around the house. November 21 was Consecration Sunday to receive our church pledges for the year 2000.

December 1999

Advent and Christmas music was great. December 5 featured hand bells and organ playing "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" (Bach). Choirs sang Advent carols to lead the congregation in Advent hymns. December 5 at 5:00 p.m. the Moravian Love Feast was held with other churches participating. December 12 "In Bethlehem Inn," a play, was given by the young people while others ate the noon meal. Heather Dillashaw, a ministerial student at Vanderbilt Seminary, assisted in the service. The Bread Ministry began. A loaf of homemade bread and literature describing the church and its ministries is to be distributed to first-time visitors during the worship service. On December 19, the Church Council accepted the resignation of Becky Peeler, effective December 31, 1999. She had served as Director of Christian Education for the past four years.

Conclusion

A friend of mine, a Conference Minister, wrote: "We (the United Church of Christ) are very much a minority church. We are kind of like the average student. So, there is definitely room for growth." Our Pastor's sermon topic on December 19 was "Here Am I . . ." May each of us add, "Send me."

Nominating Committee Report
Elon College Community Church Leadership 1999

Moderator: Ray Covington

Moderator Elect: Marie Wilkins

Treasurer: Bill Beyer

Assistant Treas: Ann Acquilano

Secretary: Jimma Causey (1998)

Building Fund Secretary(1998): Roberta Starr

Historian: D. Marsh McLelland

Photographer: Mike Mayse

Board of Deacons:

2000	2001	2002
Kay Hensley	Steve Perry	Roberta Starr
Jackie Matlock	Barry Raker	Nell Snyder
Lynn Denny	Bill Ruth☺	Martin Shotzberger

Board of Trustees:

2000	2001	2002
Joe Davis	Earl Danieley	Shirley Beyer
Rollin Heinzerling	Jo Grimley	Mark Danieley
Richard Orsvath	Jim Starr	Dolores Truitt

Board of Christian Education:

2000 (one year terms under new configuration . . .)

Adult Coordinator - Open
Children's Coordinator -*Beth Wilkins*
Nursery Coordinator - Open
Family Cordinator- Open
Youth Coordinator -*Ed Marsh*
Chairperson- Sue Shipley

Board of Missions:

2000	2001	2002
Jane Alexander	Ellie Ketcham	Louis Wilkins
Helen Rippy	Betty Walker	Marsh McLelland
Katherine Floyd☺	Cathy Covington☺	***George Troxler***

Board of Evangelism:

2000	2001	2002
Olga Griswold	Fred Grosse	Bekah Davis
Liz Bensen	Brent Hensley	***Carol Oakley***
Linda Vogg	Pat Richardson	**Open**

Building Supervisors: Biff Brafford & Harvey Hook **In Training:** Gene Grimley

☺ Filling another's term - eligible for another three year term at the end of the current class.
***Italics* denote those to be elected for new terms at Annual Meeting**

Boy Scout Committee:

Class of 2000	**Class of 2001**
Jim Brown	Mack Scott
Rollin Heinzerling	Robin Woody
George Troxler	

Delegates to the Eastern NC Association UCC:

2000(3)	**2000 Alternates: (2)**
1. Louis Wilkins	1. Susan Barbee
1. Beth Wilkins	2.
3. Bill Barbee	

Delegates to the Southern Conference UCC: Catawba College -June 2000

2000 (3)	**2000 Alternates: (2)**
1. Bill Rippy	1. Jim Lyon
1. Helen Rippy	2. Edith Shotzberger
3. Martin Shotzberger	

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE

Pastor Parish Relations:

2000	**2001**
Jim Lyon (Council Chair 1999)	**Ray Covington (Council Chair 2000)**
Kay Hensley (Deacon)	**(Trustee)** Jo Grimley
Suzanne Shipley (CE)	**(Evangelism)** Linda Vogg

COUNCIL COMMITTEES: (To Be Chosen by the Church Council in January 2000)

Budget & Finance Committee:

2000 (3)	**2001 (2)**
Ken Harper	***Wally Snyder***
Dave Turnage	
Ann Vickers	
Ex Officio: Treasurer	

Personnel Committee:

2000 (3)	**2001 (2)**
Earl Danieley (Trust)	
Fred Grosse (Evan)	
Carol Heinzerling(CE)	

Stewardship Committee:

2000 (2)	**2000 (3)**
JohnTruitt	
Shirley Beyer	

Nominating Committee:

2000 (2)	**2001 (4)**
Dolores Truitt	***Mary Ruth***
Nina Matlock	
Chair: Pastor Aitcheson	

Church Attendance Record for 1999

MONTH	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK	5Mth. Aver.
January	134	185	168	164	183	130.2
February	230	174	173	179		189
March	180	155	157	187		169.75
April	312	166	166	178		205.5
May	140	177	230	186	156	146.6
June	143	158	126	128		138.75
July	134	123	107	96		115
August	147	121	126	129		104.6
September	131	0	222	157		127.5
October	362	197	142	178	213	175.8
November	171	145	161	129		151.5
December	153	140	172	115		145

* Elon College Family Weekend 2 services (10/3/99) 8:30a - 56 11:00a - 306
** Elon College Football Sunday (8/22/99) - 126
*** Homecoming Service (10/10/99) - 197
^ Christmas Eve 2 services (12/2/4/99) 5:00p - 136 11:00p - 88

Special Worship

Lenten - 118
Maudy Thursday - 52
Good Friday - 70
Easter - 312
Aids Day - 16*
Palm Sunday - 187

	1997	1998	1999
Highest Attendance	473	351	362
Lowest Attendance	85	10	16*
Average Sunday Worship	171	168.1125	149.933

ELON COLLEGE
Office of Institutional Advancement
Annual Report of Endowments

Endowment/Scholarship Name:
Elon College Community Church Scholarship Fund
Closing Balance as of May 31, 1999 **$26,806.51**

Recipients:

Name	City	State	Year
Emily Woody	Burlington	NC	Senior

YOUTH UNITED

SKI TRIP INFORMATION
JANUARY 28 – 30, 2000

Youth Fellowship

Calendar

- January 23, 2000 6 p.m.
- January 28-30 – SKI Trip
- January 30, 2000 6 p.m.
- February 6, 2000 6 p.m.
- February 13,, 2000 6 p.m.
- February 14 Valentines Supper and Fund Raiser!
- February 20, 2000 6 p.m.

The Annual Ski Trip is set to go! The plan is to leave the Church at 5:00

On Friday January 28, 2000 to make the drive to Boone, N.C.

The group will be staying at Covington Lodge, and skiers will be spending Saturday, January 29

at the Slopes of Appalacian Ski Mountain.

All monies for the trip are due in the church office by WEDNESDAY,

JANUARY 12. The cost for the lift pass and rental skis is $43.00.

A program will be planned for the evening hours on Saturday.

Meal Coordinators will be Ray Covington and Gene Grimley with lots of help from all who attend!

PERMISSION SLIPS ARE A MUST. NO PERMISSION – NO TRIP.

On Sunday January 23, 2000 at the six o'clock youth meeting Tina Wright Wood and Lynn Denny will be available to notarize those forms. PARENTS: do not sign the forms until you meet with the notary!

Questions?

Call Arch at 584-0391

Don't Miss the Fun!
Come Ski With US!

PLANNING SESSION A SUCCESS!

Many thanks to all of the youth and parents who came to a special meeting in the Parish House on Sunday, January 9!

We had over 50 persons present for a discussion of the future of our youth ministry for the future. Pastor Arch encouraged everyone to invest in the program and to see that pre-planned events continued.

The group decided to plan for weekly meetings, beginning at 6pm with snack supper provided by parents to be followed from 6:30-7:30 with programs that include discussion, fun, and spiritual nurture for the group. Parents have volunteered to assist! After the annual meeting of the Congregation youth officer and parent coordinators will be meeting to plan their first few meetings.

Marie Wilkins and Laurie Lambert volunteered to be parent coordinators during the interim period.

Carolina Cross Connection is scheduled for June 18-24. One or two more youth may be added to the trip list. Two adults (one male, one female) will be needed as van drivers and chaperones for our youth team. Anyone interested in that opportunity needs to speak to Arch soon!

Arch explained that Rebecca Peeler's resignation has not allowed for youth members and parents to express their thankfulness to her for the years of work with us. Those who wish to can write to her at her P.O. address in the Church Directory.

Thanks to all who came to the meeting!

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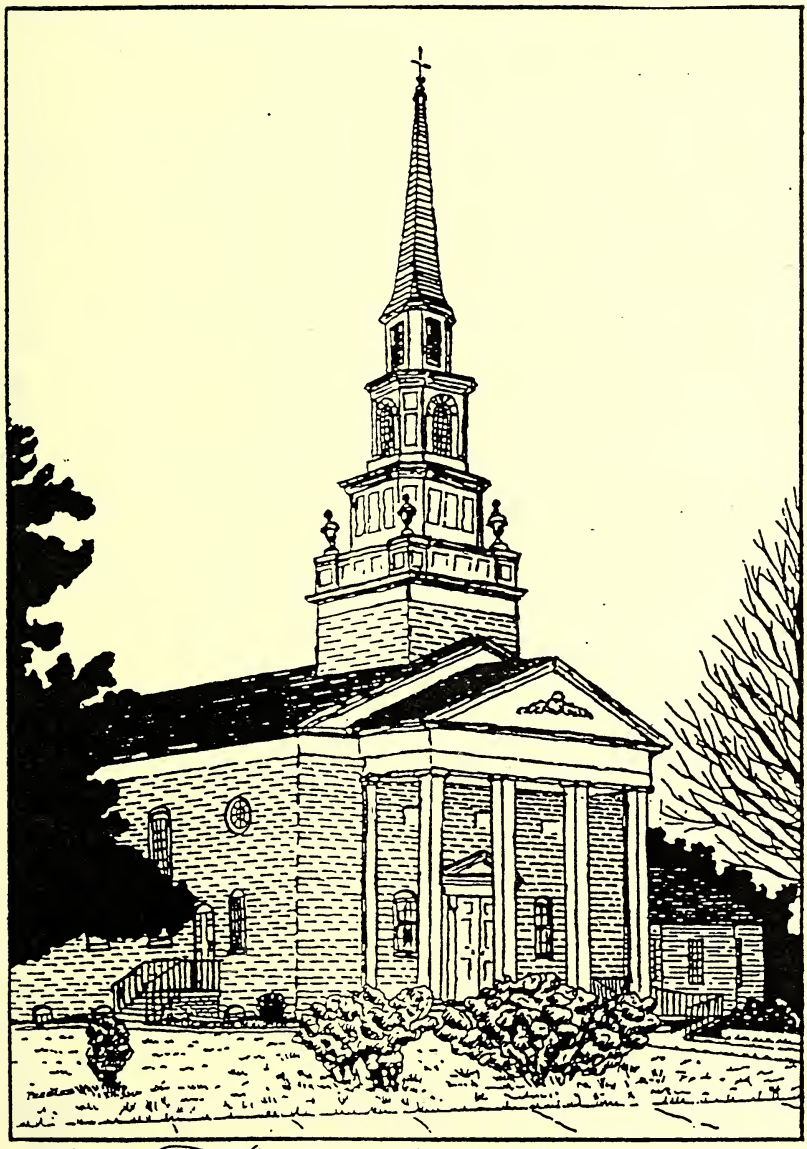

Dorothy R. Dubbs "Above Elon"

From the Pastor

I write this article for our Torch on a laptop computer that is not Y2K ready. For months I have listened to the reports and the warnings about the impending doom. Hopefully, my small computer will be ready before New Years (dare I type the year!?) **2000!**

By the time you receive this newsletter (relying on the U.S. Postal Service's ability to be Y2K ready . . .) the New Year will have arrived. The New Century will have started ticking time away. You will be a part of the Twenty-first Century. (Sounds like an advertisement for the movie 2001 or Star Trek!)

There's no way to now on this side of the new century what the state of the world will be on those first few days of the calendar change. I know that I will have to make a special effort on checks and documents to prevent the automatic writing of the year as 19___. The parties will be over and the reality of getting back to the work-a-day world will capture our immediate attention. (Will the computers on the job work, too?)

It seems that from this vantage point that everything will be up for grabs! Doomsayers proclaim disaster and want the last days of 1999 to be used for hoarding supplies, guns, and gold. Others laugh at the close of the Twentieth Century, and claim the hype is just that.

There are some things that I will expect in the new century. The world will go on. (Y2K does not fulfill Revelation!) Human needs will continue to require the kindness of those who care and give to ease the pain. There will be wars and natural disasters. The human family does not change its ways at the turn of a calendar page or a century change!

I know that those who live in love, will continue to do so. I know that God will not abandon us, regardless of the "horrors" of Y2K. I am sure that people of faith will continue to proclaim the hope and joy of their faith in word and deed. I know that God will continue to offer forgiveness and guidance in the Living Spirit. I know that God's love will continue to reveal itself to us in the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I know, too, that we have a new opportunity to strive for a fresh spiritual attitude as we begin this new era. Imagine what might happen if all who profess belief in God through Jesus Christ, would actually live according to his example. (Wow! There could be no more nastiness, gossip, prejudice, resentment or vicious abuse!)

The New Century is merely a measure of time required by our human community which cannot conceptualize anything beyond the average span of life on this earth.

This is also God's time!

That time is forever.

God's presence is eternal.

Jesus prepared us for many new centuries.

Y2K is not new. It is just one more panic attack for those of us who have forgotten who is in charge!

A Blessed New Year in (gulp!) 2000!

Your Twenty-first Century Pastor,

Arch

From Becky's Desk:

As you may know, Carolina Cross Connection has become near and dear to the hearts of some of us. I would like to share with all of you some of the statistics from this past summer concerning the work this wonderful Mission Outreach organization.

Thirty-six staff members led 1131 camp participants through a wonderful experience of reaching out to folks in need. These 1131 campers provided needed help to 700 families in 18 counties in Western North Carolina. We were lucky enough to be a part of that mission as we shared God with lots of people.

But Carolina Cross Connection is not resting on its accomplishments. The Board of Directors has been approached by Pfeiffer University to expand Carolina Cross Connection by using their facilities as a sixth location. Whether CCC decides to use this site or not, it offers a seed for others to also think about making this offer. The expansion would allow for additional staff positions, 200 more campers, and 150 more families to be helped.

Our youth and adults have once again applied to be a part of this wonderful experience. We will need the support of this congregation to be able to go should we be accepted. Also, at least two of our own young adults are planning to apply for staff positions. They, too, will need our support; for one-half of their salary will need to be raised through corporate and individual partnerships.

With the coming of the new year, take some time to include Carolina Cross Connection in your prayers. Pray that God will continue to work in the lives of youth, adults, communities, and individuals.

Be God's,

Becky

YOUTH NEWS ....

Due to the holidays, our winter/spring calendar has not been planned. Plan to come to Youth on Jan. 16 at 6:00 pm to plan calendar for spring. Snack Supper will be served.

Have a Happy New Year!

VALENTINE'S DINNER....

Parents,
Please help us with our Valentine's Dinner!
We will need to following items: Card tables, red candles, and candle holders, Red napkins.
You will receive a list of food items to donate in the mail.
Your help to serve the meal and with clean up is always needed to make this a success.
ENCOURAGE YOUR YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE !

READY TO SKI?

SKI TRIP DATE – January 28, 29, & 30, 2000

We will leave Friday nite at 6:00 pm to travel to Boone. We will be staying at Covington Lodge. And.... We will return on Sunday. Details will be in a future mailing.

Watch your mail for details of what to bring and that all important PERMISSION FORM.

Youth Fellowship annual valentine's Dinner

February 11, 2000

Bring a Friend, a group of Friends, or Your Best Friend

Seatings: 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM

By reservation only

Call 584-0391 by February 3, 2000

COST: $ 8.00 PER PERSON

This event is sponsored by our Youth. The proceeds to Benefit Habitat for Humanity and Carolina Cross Connection.

_____

Name: _____

No.: _____

Seating Preference: 5:30 PM _____ 7:00 PM _____

Childcare Needed: Yes: _____ No: _____

The family of

Ruth Harriette Dunn

gratefully acknowledges and thanks

you for your kind expressions of sympathy.

To the members of Elon College Community Church,
I would like to thank all of Ruth's friends who wrote Ruth cards and letters and went to see her at Duke, Skilled Care Nursing, and the Oaks Retirement Home. Also for the food sent to my cousin Eddie's home and flowers for the funeral service. Thanks to Rev. Aitcheson and Rev. Dr. Rinker. Ruth really loved all of you.

~ Earl Dunn

November 24, 1999

Dear Arch,

Thank you for the beautiful Baptism service that you gave for Stella and Andrew. You gave us some very comforting thoughts, and the occasion was very healing for our family.

It feels good to be part of such a loving community of people-I don't think I have ever felt as comfortable as I have at Elon Community Church. We look forward to being back there.

Sincerely,
~ Gerald & Ivy Rutledge

December 3, 1999

To the Members and Friends of Elon College,

Thank you very much for the bag of goodies for exam week. This, as you well know, is a stressful time in the life of a college student and the goodies help a lot!

Thanks again,
Sarah Gaines

To everyone who contributed to creating exam packs:

You'll have outdone yourselves!! Everything looks absolutely wonderful! I really appreciate all the time and effort everyone went to create my "kit." It's wonderful to feel loved during a time of intense stress! Thank you all very much!

Rachael Shaffner

Dear ECCC Friends,

As Thanksgiving approaches, I again think of you all with a very grateful heart. Especially, I thank you for the kind contributions to my automotive fund in the midst of this financially difficult time in the transportation aspect of my life! Your gifts are received gratefully. Thank you so very much.

May the end of this year bring each one of you much peace and love. I look forward to being with you very soon!

Many blessings & love,
Heather Dillashaw

Elon College Community Church,

Thank you so much for letting us use your facilities for our Spaghetti dinner! We made about $700! We couldn't have been successful without your help!

Yours In Service,
Adrien Stern, Habitat for Humanity

To my Pastor and other angels:

What a meaningful surprise — to be honored by the U.C.C. Board of Homeland Missions. Thank you very much.

The greatest honor was to have been selected from within this congregation.

Thank you for linking me with Sue Brown and Betty Dillashaw. It was rich tribute indeed, and I continue to be moved and grateful.

Cordially,

Peache

Peache.
Carole Watterson Troxler

May the joys of the Holiday Season be yours each and every day of the New Year.

Members and Friends of Elon College Community Church,
Thank you so much for the wonderful study package! It has aided me in this stressful time. It was so thoughtful to think of me and I feel extremely lucky to be a member of this church. A Happy Holiday to everyone and I will enjoy seeing you all after break!

Love, Melissa Damaso

Elon College Community Church,
Thank you so much for the exam kit! That was very thoughtful & I have enjoyed the goodies very much. They are welcomed snacks in study hours! Thanks so much for thinking of me!

Love in Christ~
Jessie Arnold

Christmas Cheer

Thank you for your donation of $100. Supporters like you help us provide Christmas for less fortunate children and the elderly. Thank you for remembering Christmas Cheer.

School News

Heidi Brown Troxler was recently inducted into the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. She is a senior English and psychology major and is the daughter of George and Carole Troxler of Elon College.

Dear Members of Elon College Community Church,
Thank you so much for the wonderful care package you sent! I couldn't believe how much food you sent-although I'm sure it won't take long for it to disappear! Your generosity and sweet thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated. I think of you often.

Many thanks,
Heidi Troxler

Annual Meeting
Covered-Dish Luncheon
12:15 January 23, 2000

Bring food to share and your whole household for this Important Meeting!

Every member is important as we review 1999 and plan for our ministries in 2000

January 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
2 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:00p 3-Octave Choir **Deacon on Call:** **JACKIE MATLOCK 584-7961**	**3** **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** 10:30a Circle 1 7:00p Cub Scouts 7:30p Circle 2	**4** 10:30a Staff Meeting 11:30a Circle 3 **NOON ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE**	**5** 7:00p (8:00p /
9 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 12:15p Confirmation 5:00p 3-Octave Choir 6:30p Church Nite/8:00p Council 6:30p & 9:30p Mass **Deacon on Call:** **BARRY RAKER 584-7725**	**10** 7:00p Cub Scouts	**11** 10:30a Staff Meeting **NOON TORCH DEADLINE** 7:00p PFLAG 7:30p Shelter Night	**12** 7:00p (8:00p A
16 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:00p 3-Octave Choir 6:00p Youth 6:30p & 9:30p Mass **Deacon on Call:** **WILMA WILLIAMSON 584-7185**	**17** **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**	**18** 10:30a Staff Meeting	**19** 7:00p C 8:00p A
23 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Noon Annual Meeting 5:00p 3-Octave Choir 6:30p & 9:30p Mass **Deacon on Call:** **BILL RUTH 584-4619**	**24** 7:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Stephens Ministry Supervision	**25** 10:30a Staff Meeting	**26** 7:00p Cl 8:00p A.
30 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:00p 3-Octave Choir 6:30p & 9:30p Mass **Deacon on Call:** **BETH WILKINS 584-0755**	**31** 7:00p Pack Meeting		

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Circle 3 will meet Tuesday, January 4, 2000 at 11:30 a.m. in the Seeker's Classroom	1 **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
6	7 6:45p Special Friday's 7:30p Shelter Meal/(Mission/Ruth)	8
13 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	14	15
20 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	21	22
27 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	28 6:00p Youth Ski Trip	29

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Alamance County Meals On Wheels

is extremely grateful to the church, its members, the ACMOW

Coordinator, and the drivers for their dedication to

the elderly, homebound, and disabled of our county

Coordinator

Katherine Floyd

Volunteers

Jackie Matlock
Jane Alexander
Lewis Wilkins
Katherine Floyd
Bill Rippy

Cary Matlock
Wes Alexander
Emmett Floyd
Helen Rippy

Homelessness is not a Thing of the Past . . .

Your help is needed!

The Board of Missions seeks the help of everyone to help prepare and serve meals on First Fridays throughout the year at the Night Shelter!

THE FOLLOWING DATES ARE OPEN for groups and individuals to sign up to do just that. Why not help in 2000?

April 7; July 7; Sept. 1 Oct. 6; Nov. 3

CONTACT **MARY RUTH** AT 584-4619 TO CONFIRM YOUR PARTICIPATION!

Save those *Campbell Soup* Labels

People frequently ask if Elon Homes for Children still colle *Campbell's Soup* labels. The answer to that question is a resound "YES!" Not only do they collect labels from *Campbell's Soup*, from a variety of products whose packaging qualifies for the Lab for Education Program administered by *Campbell's* (see the bulle board for a complete list). This program has provided for El Homes two vans, as well as much needed computer equipment.

If you would like to learn more about how you can help El Homes for Children through the Labels for Education progra contact us at 336-584-0091. In the meantime, keep those lab coming!

Habitat for Humanity® International
121 Habitat Street Americus, GA 31709-3498 (800) 422-4828 http://www.habitat.org/ e-mail: public_info@habitat.org

RECEIPT

account number	date	receipt number
0147-7100	Jul 15, 1999	990715-48-473

gift amount	designation
$100.00	Where most needed

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PO Box 625
Elon College NC 27244-0625

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RECEIPT NUMBER	DATE	AMOUNT
993653	10/08/1999	$445.00

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Acting Treasurer

Elon College Community Church
P.O. Box 625
Elon College, NC 27244

No benefits were provided to you by UCBWM in return for your contribution.

INTERVARSITY
CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP

November 1999

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift for the work of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. We appreciate your generous support.

Many InterVarsity students spent this past summer ministering across cultures. These experiences have a tremendous impact on our campus ministry. Oregon staff members Joel and Krista-Dawn Kimsey write about one student's experience in Mexico this summer.

Thanks for your gift to further the work of the gospel!

Joyfully in Christ,

Stephen A. Hayner
President

"STEPPING OUT"

Ben is a junior at Willamette University. He's quiet – a man who keeps to himself. But this summer God called him to step out of his comfort zone and begin initiating with people. Ben admitted that he'd never thought of the idea before! Ben was the best Spanish speaker on the team, and as the summer went on, it became harder to find him because he was often down the street with neighbors or playing with village kids. At the end of the summer, Ben reflected on what God had done in his heart: "At the beginning of the summer, God asked me to take a risk and believe that initiating with people would be fun and good for me. Now I have experienced it as a good thing and am excited to try this back on campus."

This fall, Ben is leading a Bible study in his dorm.

INTERVARSITY UPDATE:

October is a full month of ministry, as many campuses hold retreats and conferences.

Thanks for keeping us in your prayers.

P.S. Thanks again for your gift.
We appreciate your support.

INTERVARSITY
CHRISTIAN
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6400 Schroeder Road, P.O. Box 7895, Madison, WI 53707-7895 (608) 274-9001

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Thank you for your gift toward the ministry of:

Ray Crompton	$250.00
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Your year-to-date cash donation total = $250.00

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12)11 MONTHS
CCB General Checking Acct
REPORT DATE: 11/30/1999

ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR.
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	23,718.24	202,224.12	213,936.25	11,712.13	233,385.00	186,178.34
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	800.00	11,970.00	11,456.50	513.50+	12,498.00	12,400.00
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	15.00-	.00	15.00	.00	.00
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	1,131.94	1,131.94	733.37	398.57+	800.00	913.70
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	45.87	45.87	50.00	.00
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	1,287.07	137.50	1,149.57+	150.00	238.55
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	78.00	4,756.52	.00	4,756.52+	.00	2,680.94
TOTAL Interest	.00	578.48	550.00	28.48+	600.00	871.27
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	.00	7,980.01	.00	7,980.01+	.00	310.90
TOTAL INCOME	25,728.18	229,913.14	226,859.49	3,053.65+	247,483.00	203,593.30
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	.00	2,052.00	.00	2,052.00+	.00	2,284.77
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	500.00	2,845.00	2,845.00	.00	3,045.00	2,100.00
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	1,215.00	13,900.00	13,823.20	76.80+	15,424.00	13,765.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	377.44	3,124.24	3,254.65	130.41	3,770.00	2,558.84
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	485.19	8,920.85	2,665.15	6,255.70+	2,800.00	1,557.34
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	159.00	530.30	510.85	19.45+	550.00	634.83
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	2.47	2,930.28	7,283.43	4,353.15	7,925.00	4,721.80
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	11,912.85	143,643.29	144,136.19	492.90	157,807.00	123,585.59
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	5,371.76	44,985.74	56,646.44	11,660.70	62,270.00	47,179.99
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	7,000.00	8,145.34	.00	8,145.34+	.00	706.04
TOTAL EXPENSES	27,023.71	231,077.04	231,164.91	87.87	253,591.00	199,094.20
NET TOTALS	1,295.53-	1,163.90-				4,499.10

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TREASURER'S REPORT 10/31/99

GENERAL FUND

	Annual Budget	Monthly	10/31/99	Budget to 10/31/99	+/-
Income	$247,483.00	$20,623.58	$204,184.96	$206,235.90	($2,050.94)
Expenses	$253,591.00	$21,132.58	$204,053.33	$210,658.10	($6,604.77)
Deficit(-)/Surplus(+)	($6,108.00)	($509.00)	**$131.63**	($4,422.20)	

NOTES: CURRENT INCOME HAS BEEN INCREASED BY $7000 (LOAN FROM BLD FUND)
OPERATING REVENUE TO DATE IS -$12,000

Funds on hand	10/31/99	Funds on hand	End of 1998
Checking	$8,396.52	Checking	$9,136.30
Money Market	$1,268.11	Money Market	$6,674.47
Total	$9,664.63	Total	$15,810.77
Designated/Liabilities	$23,350.29	Designated/Liabilities	$29,628.06
Actual on hand	($13,685.66)	Actual on hand	($13,817.29)
Reserve	$11,016.20	Reserve	$7,840.71
Bld Fund Loan	($7,000.00)		
Net Available	**($9,669.46)**	Net Available	**($5,976.58)**

OBLIGATIONS NOT PAID TO DATE:

TOTAL NOT PAID: $0.00

BUILDING\MEMORIAL FUNDS

	10/31/99		
Building Fund	$3,375.16	Checking	$544.00
Capital Fund Drive '96	$809.49	Money Market	$24,123.99
Steeple Repair Fund	$4,708.33	Certificate of Deposit	$10,910.95
New Fellowship Bld	$10,478.62		
Interest Received	$3,224.18	Total	$35,578.94
Interest Paid	($4,305.00)		
Other Memorials	$17,288.16	Anonymous Loan	$0.00
Total	**$35,578.94**	Net Available	**$35,578.94**

NOTES: IN ORDER TO MEET CURRENT EXPENSES $7000.00 WAS MOVED FROM THE BUILDING FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND

A story from your Global Ministries . . .

"I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers." (Galatians 6:2)

"EVERYTHING HAD BEGUN WITH SO MUCH HOPE."

With these words, Global Ministries missionary John Campbell-Nelson began his first report of the voting in East Timor. John lives in West Timor where he teaches at a seminary. He went to East Timor as a translator and was among more than 2000 international and Indonesian observers of the referendum. The Sunday before the referendum he and others attended worship. "As we were shaking hands with the congregation afterward, a woman told the pastor, 'Thank God they are here. Now perhaps we won't all be killed.'"

"That night people began to gather in the village square, and they danced and sang until nearly dawn. When I arose at 5:00, hundreds were already waiting for the polls to open at 6:30. As I watched the sun come up over the mountains, someone said, 'This is a good dawn to see.'"

Even before the votes were counted, the violence began and John wrote, "The following days were spent alternately avoiding militia activities in Dili and observing the vote count. Each night brought more gunfire, more burning houses, and escalating tensions. By the time the referendum results were announced on Saturday, we had about thirty people sheltering in our house. The courageous pastor at the Protestant church in town had 80 people in his house, mostly women and children. His (mostly Indonesian) church council had told him he may not use church property to shelter refugees and advised him to get out of town. He replied, 'I'm a pastor and I can't turn anyone away. If I have to, I'll die here with them.'"

John concluded his e-mail, "The East Timorese who came to vote for freedom in the face of terror and intimidation showed the best of the human spirit. UN workers and observers from all over the world were inspired by their hope and courage." Let us pray for their future.

You make the difference . . .

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A story from your Global Ministries . . .

"We love because he first loved us." (1 John 4: 19, NRSV)

FINDING LOVE, ACCEPTANCE AND COMMITMENT

Diane Wicks has been serving with the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa at St. George's United Church of Hillbrow. This congregation in the "Times Square" of Johannesburg has received a Global Ministries award of affirmation for their witness in the community, including their work with the homeless and their *Homeless Talk* newspaper. Diane writes about the marriage of Armstrong and Jeanette, 56 and 55 respectively, who met through their work with *Homeless Talk.*

"Armstrong had been attending our soup kitchen for several years. One Friday in 1994, shortly after *Homeless Talk* was launched, he decided to stay for our Support Group. I remember him well, wearing several layers of old clothing and clutching a plastic bag full of his only belongings. He mumbled when he spoke and rarely looked at anybody. But the more closely I listened to him, the more fascinated I became. He was a genuine philosopher from the school of the streets."

Diane encouraged him to write a story for *Homeless Talk* and offered to help him with the grammar and punctuation. The next day Armstrong came to the drop-in center at the church to show her his story. He became one of their most prolific writers. Only after he started working full time as Distribution Manager did he stop writing. It was the first real job he'd had in his life.

"Armstrong and Jeanette had a simple wedding. They didn't tell their friends because they didn't have enough money saved to have a party....During the opening prayer, Jeanette began to cry....I'm sure that both of them had long since given up the idea that they would marry. And before they met each other, I doubt that either one would have believed they could have found such love, acceptance and commitment for and from another person."

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Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for JANUARY

Jan 2 - Rev. and Mrs. Arch Aitcheson
Jan 9 - Dr. and Mrs. Gene Grimley
Jan 16 - Mrs. Lois Bost
Jan 23 - Mrs. Mary Cunningham
Jan 30 - Mrs. Josie Huey

Ushers for JANUARY

Jan 2 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Jan 9 - Tommy Oakley, Steve Perry, Bill Ruth, Linda Vogg
Jan 16 - Bill Beyer, Joseph Davis, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Jan 23 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler
Jan 30 - Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, David Ruth, Ken Bensen

Acolytes for JANUARY

Jan 2 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley
Jan 9 - Jeff Wilkins, III/Zach Welborn
Jan 16 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
Jan 23 - Anna Wilkins/Laura Brown
Jan 30 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson

Greeters for JANUARY

Jan 2 - Mark & Heidi Danieley
Jan 9 - Roger & Betty King
Jan 16 - Walter & Mary Boyd
Jan 23 - Ray & Cathy Covington
Jan 30 - Mike & Lorie Goodwin

Nursery for JANUARY

Jan 2 - Maxine & Miranda Rich
Jan 9 - Cile & Claire Welborn
Jan 16 - Heidi Danieley/Olga Griswold
Jan 23 - Carol & George Oakley
Jan 30 - Eric & Melodie Allshouse

Second Hour Child Care for JANUARY

Jan 2 - Jimma Causey/Katrina Chappell
Jan 9 - Marie & Anna Wilkins
Jan 16 - Christy & David Ruth

Bulletin Board Update for JANUARY

1st Week - Liz Bensen
2nd Week - Christy Ruth
3rd Week - Olga Griswold
4th Week - Linda Vogg
5th Week - Kim Perry

Liturgists for JANUARY

Jan 2 - Sue Brown
Jan 9 - Lynn Denny
Jan 16 - Heidi Danieley
Jan 23 - George Troxler
Jan 30 - Rebecca Perry

Church Attendance for

Nov 21 - 161
Nov 28 - 129

Elon College Community Church
PO Box 625
Elon College, NC 27244

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THE TORCH FEBRUARY 2000

Be Mine

From the Pastor's Desk

"They kill them because they love each other. I t happens all the time."

The line comes from the character named, "Coffey," ("Just like the drink but not spelled that way.") a death row inmate in a Louisiana prison in 1935. The scene is from the movie ***The Green Mile***. The movie is a terrifying presentation of the death penalty's cruelty. It is also a movie about spiritual healing, miracles and human respect. This movie gets the viewer emotionally involved in the issues of justice and revenge, evil and grace, mercy and peace.

The Christ figure is an extremely large African American, who at first appears to be mentally challenged and ignorant. Before the film is over we learn that it is he, who knows truth and who has taken upon himself the pain and suffering of many human souls. It is this man, condemned to death on false charges, singled out by society because he is a different color and an unusual size, who becomes a miracle worker and takes on the world's evil side. He goes to his death because he simply cannot take on the sins of the world and other's pain another time.

His statement about human cruelty, however speaks volumes to us in this month when we honor the concept of love and honor presidents who have sacrificed themselves for us. "They kill them because they love each other. It happens all the time."

The prisoner refers to the way that evil men and women kill those who have found love in their lives. Two tiny girls are raped and mutilated by an evil character who threatens each one by asking the other if she loves her sister. When the child answers, "Yes!" he tells her not to make a sound and nothing will happen to the other. Both girls go silently to their death because they love one another. Evil takes advantage of that love.

The words are disturbing, but how timely they are. In recent years the violence we have seen in our world clearly demonstrates evil's attempts to take advantage of the

innocents who love each other. School shootings, bombings, terrorist acts that bring down jetliners, hostage situations, and people arrested for storing armaments and bomb-making materials awaken us to the fragile state of life. We never know when a loved one will become the victim of an evil person's agenda.

The prisoner in the story takes the evil upon himself to provide healing and life to others. In the Gospel we see Jesus doing the same. The prisoner tires of the heaviness of the mission. Jesus did the same.

In the Gospel Jesus tells the disciples at the Last Supper to add one more commandment to their life style. "Love one another."

Jesus knows that hard times and evil plotting will try to take advantage of those who would learn the ways of God's love. He also understood that evil would not win. His convert, Paul, would later write, "Love never ends . . ." and "Faith, Hope and Love abide, but the greatest of these is love!"

Love does conquer the emptiness of evil intent. Evil may try to kill us because we love one another in Jesus Christ. It happens all the time!

As I celebrate Valentine's Day with teens who grow in the fellowship of Christ's love, trying to serve other in the spirit of that love, I rejoice in the presence of that Christ, who was not destroyed by the death penalty. The Holy Spirit continues to surround us as we strive to love each other in his name.

That love never ends . . . .

Prayer: Jesus, who takes my hurt and pain upon himself, and offers the opportunity to be embraced by God's love, make me responsive for your sake to those around me. Let me be an agent of your healing and mercy by the way I express your love to them. Amen.

That's the Way the Mop Flops

My friend Corrie knew the simple truth that made the foundation strong;
That's the way the mop flops said he (and he was never wrong!)
Life's toughest battles in the wars of the world or in our personal strife,
Only overcome the human soul when he or she forgets the rule of life.
That's the way the mop flops said the one who knew the constant pain
Of starting afresh, picking oneself up, taking a deep breath and living again!
A mixture of honesty and teasing humor build an armament of hope,
For *that's the way the mop flops* overcomes our tears offering the keys to cope.
Draft notices on Christmas Eve from so-called *neighbors and friends*
Might discourage future relationships and bring trust of neighbors to an end.
But *that's the way the mop flops,* Corrie would humorously proclaim,
Encourages those nearby to forget the losses and to prepare for new gains.
That's the way the mop flops is not the message of scripture or fine prose;
It is, however, the core of the Gospel of Life that most spiritual folks know.
Life is a joyous adventure with challenges that make our days full of love,
That will not be found in our weaknesses or failures, but in the Great Lover above.
Corrie flopped at times but never let himself quit or abandon life's quest.
That's the way the mop flops became his note of survival, not just a jest.
He picked himself up, researched new approaches, and reviewed how to live,
Learning to love those who God provided so that blessings He might give;
The mop flopped again, but it does not stay fallen upon eternal cold ground;
For Corrie rises up and sweeps the heavens; in Christ's joy he abounds!

Dedicated to Corrie Barber
by Arch Aitcheson, pastor and friend
January 11, 2000

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Sunday, March 19, 2000

Parish House

Corned Beef, cabbage, potatoes, Irish soda bread, dessert

Tickets: $10.00 Adults
$ 5.00 Children 6-12

Tickets on sale: March 5 an March 12.

Elon College Community Church
Of The United Church Of Christ
Board Of Missions

Our Church received letters expressing appreciation for monetary gifts which were made to the American Red Cross, Allied Churches of Alamance County and United Church Retirement Homes at Newton NC.

Budget items for Scouting and for Elon College are to be reviewed by the Board of Missions and the Budget and Finance Committees. Scouting programs in particular are active and worthy of priority in financing by our Church.

The Board thanked outgoing Chair Wally Snyder and Secretary Mary Ruth, and chose Louis Wilkins and Katherine Floyd as Chair and Vice Chair, and Jane Alexander as Secretary for the Year 2000.

Programs including Food Pantry, One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, Elon Homes For Children, The Christmas Fund and a special program during the Easter Season co-sponsored by the Board of Missions and Women's Fellowship were discussed and endorsed.

The Food Pantry is the greatest concern at this time as the shelves are almost bare. At the suggestion of Helen Rippy, the Board urges Chuch members to adopt personal pledges to bring one can or box or package each Sunday until the shelves are replenished.

Marsh McLelland
For The Board
11 January 2000

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Tommy and I want to thank everyone for the kindness shown to us during this beautiful season and his illness. The visits, cards, food and most of all your prayers.

The night the caroler's came with their friendly faces and filled the night with music did our hearts good. Thank you.

We are blessed to have a pastor whose presence and prayers brought and bring us comfort and peace. Thank you Arch.

Dr. Rippy and Helen, our Stephen Ministers thank you for being there first and a phone call away.

We believe in miracles and if its God's will it can happen.

Tommy and I appreciate your continuous support and prayers.

May God's riches blessing be upon you.

In Christen Love,
Ethel & Tom Oakley

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH 2000
MEAL PREPARATION FOR ALLIED CHURCHES
EMERGENCY NIGHT SHELTER

First Friday	Group	Contact Person
January 7	Board of Missions	Mary Ruth (584-4619)
February 4	Volunteers	Ellie Ketcham (584-7225)
March 3	Youth	
April 7	Board of Evangelism	Linda Vogg (538-1925)
May 5	Board of Christian Education	Sue Shipley (570-2500)
June 2	Layman's Fellowship	Earl Danieley (584-0626)
July 7		
August 4	Circle 1 & Friends	Hilda & Ralph Oxford (584-6630)
September 1	Board of Deacons	
October 6	Circle 2	Katherine Floyd (538-0308)
November 3	Seekers Sunday School Class	Louis Wilkins (584-0755)
December 1	Board of Trustees	Earl Danieley (584-0646)

All suppers served at 7:30 p.m. We greatly appreciate your committee, circle or group providing the meal on the 1st Friday night of the month. You may call the shelter anytime at 222-0749 to get an estimated number of guests.

This schedule coordinated by the Elon College Community Church Board of Missions. If you have questions, contact Katherine Floyd 538-0308 or Jane Alexander 584-7830.

C: Music Department

Please call upon these additional volunteers to assist as needed:

Margaret & Bob Smith	578-8943	Phoebe Harrison	584-3345
Marcie Katterman	221-0669	Ed Marsh	585-1979
John Truitt	584-1062	Jo Grimley	584-9466
Bill Rippy	584-6798	Gayland Welborn	584-2854
Trina Chappell	222-0657	Bill Linde	584-6416

1/8/00 mcr

Copy to: Bill Adams, Shelter Director

American Red Cross

Piedmont Carolina Chapter
511 West Davis Street
P.O. Box 875
Burlington, NC 27216-0875
(336) 226-4906
(800) 279-3576
(336) 226-4904 FAX
E-Mail: Redcross@netpath.net

November 15, 1999

Elon College Community Church
PO Box 625
Elon College, NC 27244

Dear Elon College Community Church,

The **AMERICAN RED CROSS** is an organization that translates **YOUR** caring and concern into immediate action. Our support comes from people like **YOU**! **THANK YOU** so much for your thoughtful donation of $150.00. Your donation will help enable us to send relief to Hurricane Floyd victims in North Carolina.

These services would not be possible without **YOUR** continued support. We appreciate **YOU**!

Sincerely,

Debbie Hirt-Murphy
Executive Director
AMERICAN RED CROSS
PIEDMONT CAROLINA CHAPTER

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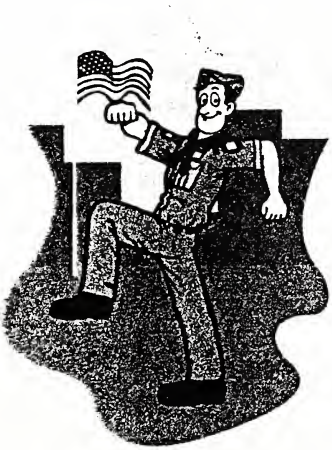
Not for Guys Only . . .

Venturing
Scouting's Next Step
welcomes
Young men and women to a new era of Adventure!

If you are between 14 and 20 years old and would like to be a part of a new Venturing Team call or speak to Rick Bragg, Leader at 584-8706



February 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
		1 4:30p Staff Meeting	2 7:00p 8:00p
6 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship/Scout Sunday 5:00p 3-Octave Choir 6:00p Youth 6:00p Mass/9:00p Mass **Deacon on Call:** **ROBERTA STARR 584-9921**	7 10:30a Circle 1 7:00p Cub Scouts 7:30p Circle 2	8 11:30a Circle 3/Seekers Room 7:30p PFLAG 7:30p Shelter Night	9 7:00p 8:00p
13 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 12:15p Confirmation 5:00p 3-Octave Choir 6:00p Youth 6:00p Mass/9:00p Mass **Deacon on Call:** **NELL SYNDER 584-6247**	14 5:30p & 7:00p Valentine's Dinner 7:00p Cub Scouts	15 **Noon TORCH DEADLINE**	16 7:00p C 8:00p A
20 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:00p 3-Octave Choir 6:00p Youth 6:00p Mass/9:00p Mass **Deacon on Call:** **LYNN DENNY 292-0786**	21 7:00p Cub Scouts	22	23 7:00p C 8:00p A.
27 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 12:15p Confirmation 5:00p 3-Octave Choir 6:00p Youth 6:00p Mass/9:00p Mass **Deacon on Call:** **JACKIE MATLOCK 584-7961**	28 7:00p Den Meeting/Blue & Gold 7:00p Stephens Ministry Supervision	29	

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Circle 3 will meet Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at 11:30a.m. in the Seeker's Classroom.	
3 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	4 6:45p Special Friday's 7:30p Shelter Meal(Ketcham)	5
10 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	11	12
17 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	18	19
24 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	25	26

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
12/12112 MONTHS
CCB General Checking Acct
REPORT DATE: 12/31/1999

ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	17.821.59	220.045.71	233.385.00	13.339.29	233.385.00	202.943.59
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	1.965.00	13.935.00	12.498.00	1.437.00+	12.498.00	12.700.00
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	15.00-	.00	15.00	.00	.00
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	.02-	1.131.92	800.00	331.92+	800.00	913.70
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	.00
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	28.99	1.316.06	150.00	1.166.06+	150.00	332.08
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	671.50	5.428.02	.00	5.428.02+	.00	3.026.94
TOTAL Interest	3.99	582.47	600.00	17.53	600.00	882.19
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	.00	7.980.01	.00	7.980.01+	.00	310.00
TOTAL INCOME	20.491.05	250.404.19	247.483.00	2.921.19+	247.483.00	221.108.50
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	427.50	2.479.50	.00	2.479.50+	.00	2.907.94
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	200.00	3.045.00	3.045.00	.00	3.045.00	2.100.00
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	1.559.00	15,459.00	15.424.00	35.00+	15.424.00	15.138.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	.00	3.124.24	3.770.00	645.76	3.770.00	3.037.41
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	525.00	9.445.85	2.800.00	6.645.85+	2.800.00	2.591.89
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	.00	530.30	550.00	19.70	550.00	647.52
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	637.97	3.568.25	7.925.00	4.356.75	7.925.00	5.162.88
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	17.300.25	160.943.54	157.807.00	3.136.54+	157.807.00	138.813.27
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	4.543.41	49.529.15	62.270.00	12,740.85	62.270.00	52,600.95
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	.00	8.145.34	.00	8.145.34+	.00	706.04
TOTAL EXPENSES	25.193.13	256.270.17	253.591.00	2.679.17+	253.591.00	223.705.90
NET TOTALS	4.702.08-	5.865.98-		+		2.597.40-

The Personnel Committee is hosting a CATERED LUNCHEON on Feb. 6

They want everyone to join them in honoring our Church Staff

The cost is onlt $5.00 per person, and Children under 12 are free!

So, what are you waiting for? Make your reservation today!

Name: _____

No. in Party: _____

No. under 12: _____

Put this form in the Offering Plate!

Valentine's Friendship Dinner February 14!

Seatings at: 5:30 p.m and 7:00 p.m.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 8

Cost: $8.00 per person

Call 584-0391 or
Send this form to the Church Office

Name:_____

No. in Party _____

Seating Pref. ___5:30pm ___7:00pm

Childcare needed? Yes:___ No:___

Sponsored by our Youth for the benefit of Habitat for Humanity and Carolina Cross Connection

Let's Try Again . . . .

RESCHEDULED ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 2000

Covered Dish Luncheon After Worship!

Have You made reservations for:

__ Valentine's Dinner

__ St. Patrick's Corned Beef Supper

___ April 1st Passion Play Trip

___ Staff Support Luncheon 2/6

?

United Church
Retirement Homes, Inc.

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November 29, 1999

Elon College Community Church
Rev. Archie Aitcheson
P.O. Box 625
Elon College, NC 27244

Dear Archie,

With our sincere appreciation we herewith acknowledge the recent contribution of $200.00 to United Church Retirement Homes, Inc. This gift has been placed in the Benevolent Trust Fund.

This is such an exciting time in the life of United Church Retirement Homes. Just as your church celebrates growth, we are celebrating the construction of new cottages and duplexes at both Abernethy and Piedmont Centers. We are celebrating the new residents at Covenant Place in Chapel Hill who all receive some rent assistance in order to live in this quality apartment complex managed by United Church Retirement Homes. We celebrate our new residents at Shepherd House Assisted Living Facility who are growing accustomed to their new surroundings. We celebrate the opening of The Willows, another beautiful new HUD 202 rent-subsidized apartment complex in Burlington.

Gifts made by our supporting churches make it possible for United Church Retirement Homes to be a part of the lives of many people that could not otherwise afford the quality care that is available on our campuses. Contributions from congregations such as yours convey a exceptional message of consideration and concern. No one could be more closely related to a community than those institutions that share in its ministry. The financial support shown by your church says a great deal about your interest in this community.

As this important ministry with and among older adults expands, your gifts enable us to move from present-day realities to much-anticipated dreams, which will fulfill the vision of our founders. We are grateful to you for your gifts of cash, stock, or other securities. Some of your members may wish to call us about a Gift Annuity since current rates are enabling donors to receive 8%, 9%, or in some cases, even 10% return **annually** during their lifetime, with the principal gift donated to United Church Retirement Homes and/or to your local church. Gift Annuities are certainly a "tax-wise" form of giving.

Sincerely,

D. Lee Jeastup, Jr.
Vice President of Fund Development

DLJ/lijt

Archie and Elon College Community Church Friends,
May the blessedness of this Holiday Season be yours always!

Corporate Office

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Allied Churches of Alamance County, Emergency Night Shelter
helpful information for serving suppers:
(from Dec. 13, 1999, meeting with Bill Adams and Spencer Bradford)

1. Prepare food for about 35 people.

2. Simple is fine. (soup, sandwiches, chips, fruit, sweets)

3. Provide about 4 volunteers to serve the meal.

4. Bring 2 gallons of milk.

5. Use dishwasher proof plates, cups and flatware that are provided (please refrain from filling ACAC dumpster with disposables)

6. Any food not consumed at supper time may be left at ACAC for the Good Shepherd Kitchen to be prepared and served for the next noon meal.

7. Sweet tea and hot coffee is prepared by ACAC.

8. Also bring, if you wish: hot sauce (texas pete), dishwasher detergent, cold cereal, toilet tissue, tea bags, coffee, sugar, non-diary creamer.

9. Stove burners are available in the shelter kitchen to warm soup etc. Please bring oven items already cooked and hot.

10. Arrive at 206 N. Fisher Street by 7:15 p.m. Shelter guests are available to help carry items from your car to the shelter kitchen, if needed. The shelter manager on duty will assist you.

11. Offer to say the blessing when ready to serve.

THANK YOU! and THANK YOU! for helping with this ministry!

Allied Churches of Alamance County, Inc.

Serving the hungry, the poor, the homeless and the elderly in our community

206 N Fisher Street • PO Box 2581
Burlington, NC 27216-2581

November 22nd, 1999

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Elon College Community U C C
PO Box 625
Elon College NC 27244-0625

Dear Friends,

Allied Churches truly appreciates your gift of prepared foods for our Good Shepherd Kitchen. During autumn, contributions like yours are especially helpful. Our Night Shelter and Good Shepherd Kitchen have been filled to overflowing the last couple of weeks (just now, we have three families with children staying here at night). Caring and Sharing continues to seeking volunteers to serve some of our elder neighbors still waiting on their requests for rides and visits. And as our CAN program finishes spending our prescription assistance grant, people are lining up for help with electricity bills and groceries (from Loaves and Fishes). Another shelter guest has acquired his G.E.D. certificate, and we helped another get approval for disability income. In short, your donation is an important piece of all the hard work being done here.

Ronnie is a former shelter guest who no longer lives here, but still comes to eat lunch with us every so often. He's a quiet man, with some long-term health problems, and we've helped him with some prescriptions. He now has a serious medical problem requiring treatment in Chapel Hill (at no charge there), for which we've arranged a ride once a month with our Caring and Sharing Ministries. For Ronnie, and hundreds of others, the meals and other services of Allied Churches you make possible are of inestimable value. Thank you for your generosity. And please share your concern for our mission with your friends and neighbors -- the seeds you plant bear fruit for the lives of our neediest neighbors.

Blessings and Peace,

Spencer W. Bradford
Executive Director

Michelle M. Crubee

Spencer W. Bradford
Executive Director

Allied Ministries

Ministries Center Offices
336-229-0881
Facsimile 336-229-4265

Christian Assistance Network
336-229-1519

Good Shepherd Community Kitchen*
336-229-4343

Emergency Night Shelter*
336-222-0749

Caring & Sharing Ministries
336-229-0881

*Receives Funds from the United Way

A story from your Global Ministries . . .

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28, NRSV)

TO FEEL GOD'S PRESENCE

Lisa and Steve Smith are serving with the Evangelical Church of the Union in Frankfurt/Oder in what was East Germany. Lisa writes of an encounter at a garden party with a young woman she calls Brenda, who had expressed interest in their young adult group.

"I found out in our conversation that she was brought up an atheist and that her mother had been suffering and dying of cancer for some time. The hostess' mother had gone through a similar death and in talking about it, the hostess mentioned only their faith had helped them get through it. That made Brenda curious and she wanted to know more.

"I was pleasantly surprised that she actually came to the next meeting which was called 'Why Did God Let that Happen?' I was afraid it would scare a newcomer off, but it was exactly what she needed. Brenda came over on another day just to visit with me and we talked. I loaned her a Bible and another book, but I mostly listened. I had been praying a great deal for her since then. She was a nervous wreck. The stress of her mother dying and the way her mother was fighting death with such fear and stress was weighing on my new friend greatly...."

"... I called her again. She said that since our talk she had been feeling renewed strength and peace....I felt encouraged and kept praying. A month later I called again and she informed me that her mother had died, and shared with me a few details of the last moments. Much of the family was there, the mother seemed to know and was relaxed. The mother slipped away and the family lay there in the dark around her bed holding hands. Brenda then lit a candle and they all had a moment of silence. She said she knew then that there was a God and felt his presence."

You make the difference . . .

The prayers and help you provide through your local congregation make possible the work and witness of *GLOBAL MINISTRIES*, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
To:

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for FEBRUARY
Feb 6 - Mrs. Venita Edwards
Feb 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Barry Raker
Feb 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mayse
Feb 27 - Mr. and Mrs. Wex Alexander

Ushers for FEBRUARY
Feb 6 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Feb 13 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry, Bill Ruth, Linda Vogg
Feb 20 - Bill Beyer, Joseph Davis, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Feb 27 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler

Acolytes for FEBRUARY
Feb 6 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley
Feb 13 - Jeff Wilkins, III/Zach Welborn
Feb 20 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
Feb 27 - Laura Brown/Anna Wilkins

Greeters for FEBRUARY
Feb 6 - Earl & Ann Vickers
Feb 13 - Eddie & Patsy Oliver
Feb 20 - Mike & Janet Mayse
Feb 27 - Barry & Linda Raker

Bulletin Board Update for FEBRUARY
1st Week - Linda Vogg
2nd Week - Bekah Davis
3rd Week - Liz Bensen
4th Week - Olga Griswold

Nursery for FEBRUARY
Feb 6 - Lorie Goodwin/Margaret Smith
Feb 13 - Earl & Verona Danieley
Feb 20 - Ann & Kim Acquilano
Feb 27 - Bill & Susan Menikheim

Liturgists for FEBRUARY
Feb 6 - Lynn Denny
Feb 13 - Leigh Ann Denny
Feb 20 - Leslie Denny
Feb 27 - Beth Wilkins

Second Hour Child Care for FEBRUARY
Feb 6 - Lynn & Leigh Ann Denny
Feb 13 - Patsy & Eddie Oliver
Feb 20 - Gayland Welborn/Mark Danieley
Feb 27 - Bill Linde/Katherine Floyd

Church Attendance for
Dec 26 - 115
Jan 2 - 144
Jan 9 - 169
Jan 16 - 164
Jan 23 - no service

Happy St. Patrick's Day

MARCH 2000 TORCH

Pastor's Annual Report

Elon College Community Church United Church of Christ February 13, 2000

Seven's Symbols

There are SEVEN days and nights in God's Genesis Creation,
And the SEVENTH day was to be kept holy for RE-CREATION.
SEVEN days makes a week in our contemporary calendar fabrication,
And the SEVENTH Hebrew Commandment forbids fornication!
We are told to forgive SEVEN times SEVENTY without hesitation,
And the scriptures identify the number SEVEN as Holy Perfection!
While some in the world fear SEVEN years' itchy irritation,
For others the year SEVEN brings deep, spiritual satisfaction!

It Has Been Seven Years

- Since Arch and Liz and daughter Joy attended their first Annual Meeting Luncheon with you.
- Since we moved on a rainy, warm January day into our new home in Gibsonville.
- Since this pastor began an adventure in ministry with some people I knew and many new faces who would become friends.
- Since we faced the surprises of an aging edifice and the joys of new ministries here at Elon and beyond.
- Since we watched staff members come and go.

And After all these years the biblical message of Genesis rings true.
It was and is Good!

Beyond the Year Seven . . .

But as we move into the eighth year it is important for us to move beyond what has been and to allow for change and new visions for the future. This Mission Outpost for Christ in Elon College is at a critical juncture.

- Our congregation is aging, and those who have been the stalwarts of ministry are getting tired or too feeble to carry the load. The generation that follows makes commitments in a different way, finding itself often over-extended. The strong financial backing of faithful stewards is fading, and few are able or willing to pick up the challenge. A congregation that

has been faithful in giving beyond itself to meet the needs of a spiritually and physically suffering world is faced with doing less. Budgets, which are merely road maps for ministry for a church, cannot be met when we do not respond. That means cut backs and changes must be made. Those cut backs tug at the emotional and spiritual ties to church for many of our families.

- Younger couples are often seen at worship. They are beginning to start their families. Other young parents have young children who have not been actively involved in Christian Education in recent years. Traditional Sunday School programs and worship find themselves in direct competition with outside educational activities, sports activities and hectic family schedules. The younger generation seeks the boundaries of the values and morals that the church can provide, but they seek new mediums in music and spiritual presentations that touch their lives as dearly as "The Old Rugged Cross" touched the spiritual side of my grandfather and grandmother. Beyond this seventh year of shared ministry we need to take decisive steps to plan new worship forms, new family education programs, and new opportunities for fellowship. We need clean, safe, modern areas to provide nursery care for our children if these young parents are to remain active in our midst.

- Our youth group has grown in just a few weeks, because a group of parents and interested persons have invested time, talent, money, and support to provide a viable program that reflects our younger adults' interests, needs for fellowship, and spiritual hunger. Currently we do not have the staff person on board who can become an enthusiastic facilitator of that program. Our Church Council will have to meet soon to begin the process of assessing the kind of leadership we need and then begin the search for the person we will assist in that ministry. In the meantime we all need to recognize the talents, gifts, enthusiasm and missionary zeal of these young leaders. Note: I did not say "future leaders". I refer to our youth as "leaders!" No one in this congregation is too old, too busy, or too capacitated to be an encouraging mentor to these wonderful young adults!

- The idea of hiring staff to DO ministry FOR us has to end. Could we ever have a more enthusiastic music department? Darla's electric personality and talent with people charges us all. Without those who commit to sing in the choir or volunteer to play an instrument, that ministry would be in vain. Mark's exquisite skill at the pipe organ, provided for this church by an earlier generation, would mean little if all of us did not come to worship to experience this powerful spiritual resource. Betty knows how to get people to become real "Ding-a-lings", but how frustrating it is to have twelve bell parts and only eight ringers! Delma and Carolyn Cummings work hard for the few hours we hire them trying to maintain two very old and very large buildings. If you and I do not do our share to pick-up after ourselves, to volunteer to take on clean-up or re-furbishing projects, they can only move the dust around and keep our facility at a minimum level of cleanliness.. Ministry to the sick, the grieving and the forgotten in not just my job, it belongs to all of us. Tina works hard for us, typing up minutes, handling correspondence and editing the newsletter. If you and I do not write the articles, however, it is hard to put an edition of the Torch together! Stephen Ministers are busy. Deacons are now making calls and being on-call in the pastor's absence. That is good. The future, however, demands that each of us takes the time to call upon, to care

for, to encourage our hurting neighbors. We will need to be more responsive to one another beyond these seven years if we are to be a servant church for Christ.

- Beyond these seven years we need to be more deliberate in being INVITING. The new bread ministry catches visitors and offers them a warm welcome. That helps. How helpful it would be if you wore your name tag each Sunday, if you reached out to those you do not know and introduced yourself, made a point to welcome them again the next time they visit, and if you signed your name and address every Sunday in the ritual of friendship books and passed them along to others. Is there a new person from your neighborhood that might like to meet you beyond the worship hour? Would a card or note of welcome from you make that person feel less a stranger and more a part of the community of Christ? We need to work at that.

- The seven years have been good, but we have not begun to reach the potential God has planned for us. That future depends upon all of us. It calls for commitment, stewardship, and hearing our confirmands . . . letting the light of Christ shine through us!

- It would be powerful to see the annual meeting of 2007 in a new family life fellowship hall with several hundred households gathered to celebrate the joy of ministry together. It can happen if you will accept your part in a ministry set in motion over a hundred years ago at Elon College Community Church.

Thank you for the joys, the challenges, the opportunities, and the surprises of this ministry with you for the past seven years. Hopefully we can move ahead, united in ministry, as we work for the next few years. May our future become a symbol of a holy and victorious time of God's intervention!

Respectfully Submitted,

Arch Aitcheson, Pastor and Teacher

The President is Coming...

The President is Coming...!

The newly elected President of the United Church of Christ will be here on

Thursday Evening March 30, 2000 at 7 o'clock

Bakers are needed to provide light snacks for the reception that will include members from other area U.C.C. congregations. If you will help please call the Church Office! Greeters are needed, too. Call 584-0391

(Note the date change to the 30th!)

is calling all youth

to come

to Youth United

every day

at 6 o'clock p.m.

new leadership - new ideas - new events- good food- college student aids- lock-ins-hiking trips-carolina cross connection - worship - fun - and more!
We want you to be there!

Atlanta Passion Play

How would you like to join us for the Atlanta Passion Play, on Saturday, April 1, 2000 in Atlanta, GA. Total cost is $160, and includes a double occupancy night stay, bus travel, breakfast, dinner and matinee admission. Reserve your place by February 1st!
See Linda Vogg today if interested!!

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

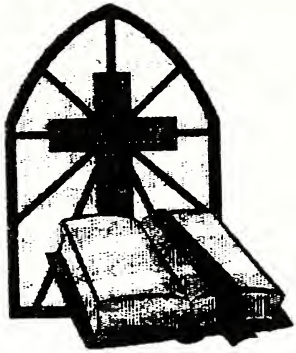
Sunday, March 19, 2000

Parish House

Corned Beef, cabbage, potatoes, Irish soda bread, dessert

Tickets: $10.00 Adults
$ 5.00 Children 6-12

Tickets on sale: March 5 an March 12.



Help Is Needed!

Are you looking for a challenge?

The Board of Christian Education is looking for a few good people to fill critical positions.

Would you like to be involved in helping to update some existing programs. Plan and develop a wide range of new programs in all phases of our Christian Education for the Millennium.

We have openings for the following positions:

*Nursery Coordinator
*Adult Coordinator
*Family Coordinator

If you are interested, please contact the Church Office or Sue Shipley.

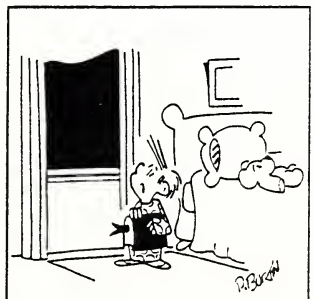
From the Board of Christian Education

"But you are important John ... you're a statistic somewhere of something or other."

A A McCourt (c)MMI

"Every spiritual gift we have is a resource that we must use and for which we will be held accountable at the judgement."

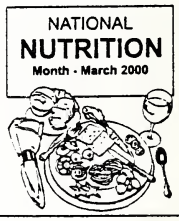
C. Peter Wagner quoted in 'Stewardship Is More Than Time, Talent, And Things' by C. Neil Strait, (c)1993 Beacon Hill Press, KC MO, ISBN 083-411-4585



"Are you sitting down?"

Paul Burton (c)MMI

March 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
BELL CHOIR SCHEDULE 4:30p 5 RingerEnsemble 5:00p 3-Octave Ringers 6:00p 2-Octave Ringers	**WITTY ONE-LINERS** *Some People are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited, until you try to get into their pews. *Many folks want to serve GOD, but only as advisers.	*To make a long story short, don't tell it. *It is easier to preach 10 sermons than it is to live one. *People are funny. They want the front of the bus, middle of the road, and the back of the church.	1 7:00p (8:00p A
5 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 4:30p 5 RingerEnsemble 5:00p 3-Octave Ringers 6:00p Youth 6:30p & 9:30p Mass **Deacon on Call:** **LYNN DENNY 292-0786**	6 10:30a Circle 1 7:00p Cub Scouts 7:30p Circle 2	7 7:00a Council Leader's B'fast (Paula's Cafe) 11:30a Circle 3 4:30p Staff Meeting	8 **ASH W** 7:00p A 7:00p (8:00p A
12 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 12:15p Confirmation 6:00p Youth 6:30p Church Nite/8:00p Council 6:30p & 9:30p Mass **Deacon on Call:** **KAY HENSLEY 584-5940**	13 7:00p Cub Scouts	14 **NOON TORCH DEADLINE** 7:00p PFLAG 7:30p Shelter Night	15 7:00p (8:00p A
19 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Noon St. Patrick's Luncheon 4:30p 5 RingerEnsemble 5:00p 3-Octave Ringers 6:00p Youth **Deacon on Call:** **STEVE PERRY 449-7668**	20 7:00p Cub Scouts	21	22 7:00p C 8:00p A
26 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 12:15p Confirmation 4:30p 5 RingerEnsemble 5:00p 3-Octave Ringers 6:00p Youth **Deacon on Call:** **BARRY RAKER 584-7725**	27 7:00p Pack Meeting	28 	29 7:00p C 8:00p A

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Saint Patrick Day March 17, 2000	**FUNNY** *Funny how a $100 "looks" so big when you take it to church, but so small when you take it to the mall. *Funny how long it takes to serve GOD for an hour, but how quickly a team plays 60 minutes of b-ball.	*Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend. *Funny how we believe what the paper says, but question the bible.
2 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	3 **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** 6:45p Special Friday's 7:30p Shelter Meal (Youth/Aitcheson)	4
9 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	10	11 10:00a Mission Board/ Women's Fellowship Luncheon
16 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	17	18 *"You know you've reached old age when you hear, 'snap, crackle, pop' in the morning and it isn't your cereal."* Henry Boye (c)MMI
23 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	24	25
30 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club 7:00p UCC President's Reception	31	ATLANTA **PASSION PLAY** **April 1, 2000** (See Linda Vogg)

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12) 1 MONTHS
ALL FUNDS & DEPTS
REPORT DATE: 01/31/2000

ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	12,229.76	12,229.76	16,391.84	4,162.08	202,702.00	22,047.36
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	.00	.00	1,108.33	1,108.33	13,300.00	1,990.00
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	.00	.00	66.67	66.67	800.00	.00
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	.00	12.50	12.50	150.00	1,267.07
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	20.00	20.00	.00	20.00+	.00	1,394.52
TOTAL Interest	374.01	374.01	41.67	332.34+	500.00	346.66
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	10.01
TOTAL INCOME	12,623.77	12,623.77	17,621.01	4,997.24	217,452.00	27,055.62
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	143.00
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	.00	.00	80.00	80.00	2,360.00	100.00
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	.00	.00	830.00	830.00	10,900.00	1,115.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	.00	.00	153.55	153.55	2,470.00	556.18
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	.00	.00	559.58	559.58	3,225.00	947.41
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	.00	.00	16.60	16.60	300.00	74.36
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	350.86	350.86	448.20	97.34	5,725.00	38.98
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	11,862.20	11,862.20	14,129.47	2,267.27	170,172.00	10,103.09
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	3,487.76	3,487.76	3,456.54	31.22+	48,120.00	4,307.30
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	750.00	750.00	.00	750.00+	.00	.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	16,450.82	16,450.82	19,673.94	3,223.12	243,272.00	17,385.32
NET TOTALS	3,827.05-	3,827.05-				9,170.30

Message from the Treasurer:

At the annual congregational meeting I mentioned that the Good Samaritan Fund was in need of support. This fund is used to help people who have come to the pastor for help. Some of you may not be aware that the majority of the funds are use to support families in this congregation. We have not written a check from this fund since the beginning of the year because of the lack of funds. Please consider making a contribution to this fund on a regular basis so we can help our own families.

January 26, 2000

Dear Arch and Church Family,

My family and I have truly appreciated all he loving concern and prayers during my mother's long illness. Thank you all for the cards and notes you have sent since my mother's death.

We feel blessed to have such a wonderful and caring church family.

This has been a long and arduous life passage, but with the Grace of God it was accomplished with love. There were times of a single set of footprints.

God Bless for all!

Berni Harclerode and Family

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, March 11 and plan to attend a program on Cuba presented by Dr. and Mrs. Roger Crook, retired professors from Meredith College and N.C. State University. The Mission Board and Women's Fellowship are jointly sponsoring this luncheon program from 10:AM to 1:00 PM in the Parish House. Soup, sandwiches, finger foods and a light dessert will be furnished.

The annual World Day of Prayer presented by the local unit of Church Women United will be held on Friday, March 3 at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter on E.Davis St beginning at 10:00AM. Please bring items or monetary gifts for the Women's Abuse Center of Alamance County. Women's and children's clothing, toiletries, diapers and toys are needed.

You can feed one hungry person in some part of the world each day by searching for hungersite.com on the internet and simply clicking the appropriate key. It is paid for by the listed sponsors and costs you nothing but the time. This is a wonderful way to make a contribution toward fighting world hunger.

ELON Homes for Children

The Barringer Center for Child Development • Therapeutic Foster Care
Crisis Care • High and Moderate Management Residential Care
Lakeside Charter Public School • Kennedy Charter Public School
Prevention Services • Vocational Learning

REV. DR. FREDERICK G. GROSSE
President

January 19, 2000

Rev. Archie Aitcheson
Elon College Community UCC
PO Box 625
Elon College, NC 27244-0625

Dear Arch:

You may never know exactly how your gift touched some young persons life. But at Elon Homes for Children, we are privileged to see the miracle of boys and girls who overcome troubled pasts and go on to achieve, to mature, to learn to trust and love because of gifts like yours. Your gift and the gifts of other caring supporters make possible the programs and services that bring about a renewal of hope and opportunity in the lives of our children.

A new cycle of life truly can occur for boys and girls who receive the nurture, understanding and professional help they need, when they need it. Thank you for your congregational gift of $50.00 to help Elon Homes provide the quality services and programs that bring about that new cycle of life for our students.

We are truly grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Grosse
President

Our tax ID number is 56-0543225.

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Snyder Campus
P.O. Box 157
Elon College, NC 27244
(336) 584-0091
FAX (336) 584-4026
http://www.elonhomes.org

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Kennedy Campus
P.O. Box 472527
Charlotte, NC 28247
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Serving the hungry, the poor, the homeless and the elderly in our community
206 N Fisher Street • PO Box 2581
Burlington, NC 27216-2581

Spencer W. Bradford
Executive Director

Allied Ministries

Ministries Center Offices
336-229-0881
Facsimile 336-229-4265

Christian Assistance Network
336-229-1519

Good Shepherd Community Kitchen*
336-229-4343

Emergency Night Shelter*
336-222-0749

ring & Sharing Ministries
336-229-0881

*Receives Funds from the United Way

January 27, 2000

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the Board of Directors of Allied Churches of Alamance County, with both regret and best wishes, announce our acceptance of the letter of resignation tendered by the organization's Executive Director, the Rev. Spencer Bradford. His resignation will be effective on Monday, March 13, 2000. The following Monday, Spencer will assume the position of Executive Director with the Durham Community Shelter for H.O.P.E., in Durham, NC.

The Board will appoint a search committee to begin the process of identifying and interviewing candidates for this position. If circumstances require it, we will appoint an interim Executive Director until the search process is completed.

The Board would like to express its most sincere appreciation to Spencer for his five years of faithful dedication and leadership, and pledge to him and his family our prayerful support as they make this exciting transition. We also request that all the congregations of Alamance County keep Allied Churches in your prayers, asking that God lead us in our effort to locate Spencer's successor. And, as always, thank you for your continued generous support of the ministries of Allied Churches.

May God bless and keep you all.

Sincerely,

Allen Huff

Rev. Allen Huff
President, Allied Churches of Alamance County

Allied Churches of Alamance County, Emergency Night Shelter
helpful information for serving suppers:
(from Dec. 13, 1999, meeting with Bill Adams and Spencer Bradford)

1. Prepare food for about 35 people.

2. Simple is fine. (soup, sandwiches, chips, fruit, sweets)

3. Provide about 4 volunteers to serve the meal.

4. Bring 2 gallons of milk.

5. Use dishwasher proof plates, cups and flatware that are provided (please refrain from filling ACAC dumpster with disposables)

6. Any food not consumed at supper time may be left at ACAC for the Good Shepherd Kitchen to be prepared and served for the next noon meal.

7. Sweet tea and hot coffee is prepared by ACAC.

8. Also bring, if you wish: hot sauce (texas pete), dishwasher detergent, cold cereal, toilet tissue, tea bags, coffee, sugar, non-diary creamer.

9. Stove burners are available in the shelter kitchen to warm soup etc. Please bring oven items already cooked and hot.

10. Arrive at 206 N. Fisher Street by 7:15 p.m. Shelter guests are available to help carry items from your car to the shelter kitchen, if needed. The shelter manager on duty will assist you.

11. Offer to say the blessing when ready to serve.

THANK YOU! and THANK YOU! for helping with this ministry!

Love is the
super glue of life ...
it can repair almost
anything.

Henry Boye (c)MMI

FEBRUARY NEEDS LISTS FOR ALLIED CHURCHES

CARING & SHARING, Call Rev. Diana Perry, 229-0881

BURLINGTON	Elderly lady would like someone to go for walks with her.
BURLINGTON	Senior needs someone to rake leaves.
BURLINGTON	Senior lady requests friendly visits and calls.
BURLINGTON	Elderly gentleman requests friendly visits.
BURLINGTON	Elderly gentleman needs assistance with shopping AND mail.
BURLINGTON	Senior lady needs help shopping.
GRAHAM	Senior lady needs someone to shop for her.
GRAHAM	Senior lady needs someone to rake leaves.
ELON	Senior lady needs someone to help with shopping, also requests friendly visitors.
ELON	Senior lady would like someone to go for walks with her.
MEBANE	Senior Gentleman needs someone to shop for him.
MEBANE	Senior gentleman needs friendly visits.
MEBANE	Senior lady needs friendly visits.
MEBANE	Eighty-nine year old lady needs someone to rake leaves.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO ANSWER THE PHONE 2-3 hrs a week, late afternoons.
Call Spencer Bradford 229-0881

GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY KITCHEN, Call Michelle Embree, 229-4343
SUGAR, COFFEE, TEA BAGS, PAPER TOWELS, BLEACH
Also, ZIP-LOCK BAGS, WAX PAPER, NAPKINS, CREAMER, VEGETABLE SPRAY, SALTINE CRACKERS, PEPPER CAKE MIXES, CANNED FROSTING, & POWDERED SUGAR, KITCHEN CLEANSERS.
VOLUNTEERS, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM, MOST WEEKDAYS.

EMERGENCY NIGHT SHELTER, Call Bill Adams, 222-0749
BATH SOAP, DEODORANT, TOWELS, DISPOSABLE RAZORS, TOOTHBRUSHES
Also, WASHCLOTHS, SWEETENED CEREAL, LOTION, SHAVING CREAM, TOOTHPASTE, LAUNDRY DETERGENT.
VOLUNTEERS, 6:00 - 11:00 PM

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH 2000
MEAL PREPARATION FOR ALLIED CHURCHES
EMERGENCY NIGHT SHELTER

First Friday	Group	Contact Person
January 7	Board of Missions	Mary Ruth (584-4619)
February 4	Volunteers	Ellie Ketcham (584-7225)
March 3	Youth	Arch Aitcheson (584-0391)
April 7	Board of Evangelism	Linda Vogg (538-1925)
May 5	Board of Christian Education	Sue Shipley (570-2500)
June 2	Layman's Fellowship	Earl Danieley (584-0626)
July 7	Chancel Choir	Sue Shipley (570-2500)
August 4	Circle 1 & Friends	Hilda & Ralph Oxford (584-6630)
September 1	Board of Deacons	Bill Ruth (584-4619)
October 6	Circle 2	Katherine Floyd (538-0308)
November 3	Seekers Sunday School Class	Louis Wilkins (584-0755)
December 1	Board of Trustees	Earl Danieley (584-0646)

All suppers served at 7:30 p.m. We greatly appreciate your committee, circle or group providing the meal on the 1st Friday night of the month. You may call the shelter anytime at 222-0749 to get an estimated number of guests.

This schedule coordinated by the Elon College Community Church Board of Missions. If you have questions, contact Katherine Floyd 538-0308 or Jane Alexander 584-7830.

Please call upon these additional volunteers to assist as needed:

Margaret & Bob Smith	578-8943	Phoebe Harrison	584-3345
Marcey Katterman	221-0669	Ed Marsh	585-1979
John Truitt	584-1062	Jo Grimley	584-9466
Bill Rippy	584-6798	Gayland Welborn	584-2854
Trina Chappell	222-0657	Bill Linde	584-6416
Laurie Lambert	584-7313		

2/6/00 mcr

Copy to: Bill Adams, Shelter Director

A story from your Global Ministries . . .

"I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go...." Psalm 32:8 (NRSV)

REACHING THE 'DISENFRANCHISED'

Jim Wilson, Common Global Ministries missionary in Lesotho, illustrates being open to the leading of the spirit in a recent letter. He describes an unexpected opportunity for ministry to those he describes as "disenfranchised" because their villages are inaccessible by vehicle.

"Fully expecting to conduct the worship service when I arrived in Metsoarong on Sunday morning, my plans were radically altered in a moment by the elders of that congregation. As a result of much prayer and thought at a meeting held earlier, the group felt that God's hand was leading us to visit the sick and the elderly and those who lived in villages inaccessible by vehicle.

"Thus, one elder took charge of the worship service in Metsoarong while the rest of us set off on foot on an all-day journey that took us through several villages. We zig-zagged up and down mountain paths that took us to places that I never knew existed. In one village, we conducted an impromptu worship service in which the villagers requested us to 'lay on hands' as a means of strengthening their walk as Christians. In another place, we visited the home of a person who was physically disabled as a result of mining accident and who could no longer come to church because of the remoteness of where he was living. In another village, an elderly woman sought advice as to how she could be supportive of children who quarreled amongst themselves and who desired her to take sides.

"In the midst of all these encounters, I was reminded of the words of the Psalmist who wrote, 'I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way thou shalt go.'"

You make the difference . . .

The prayers and help you provide through your local congregations make possible the work and witness of *GLOBAL MINISTRIES*, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.

Elon College Community Church
P.O. Box 625
Elon College, NC 27244
(336) 584-0391

To:

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for MARCH
Mar 5 - Mrs. Gladys Hughes
Mar 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hook
Mar 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Tom Conally
Mar 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Cary Matlock

Ushers for MARCH
Mar 5 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Mar 12 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry, Bill Ruth, Linda Vogg
Mar 19 - Bill Beyer, Joseph Davis, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Mar 26 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler

Acolytes for MARCH
Mar 5 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson
Mar 12 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley
Mar 19 - Jeff Wilkins, III/Zach Welborn
Mar 26 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry

Greeters for MARCH
Mar 5 - Earl & Ann Vickers
Mar 12 - Eddie & Patsy Oliver
Mar 19 - Mike & Janet Mayse
Mar 26 - Barry & Linda Raker

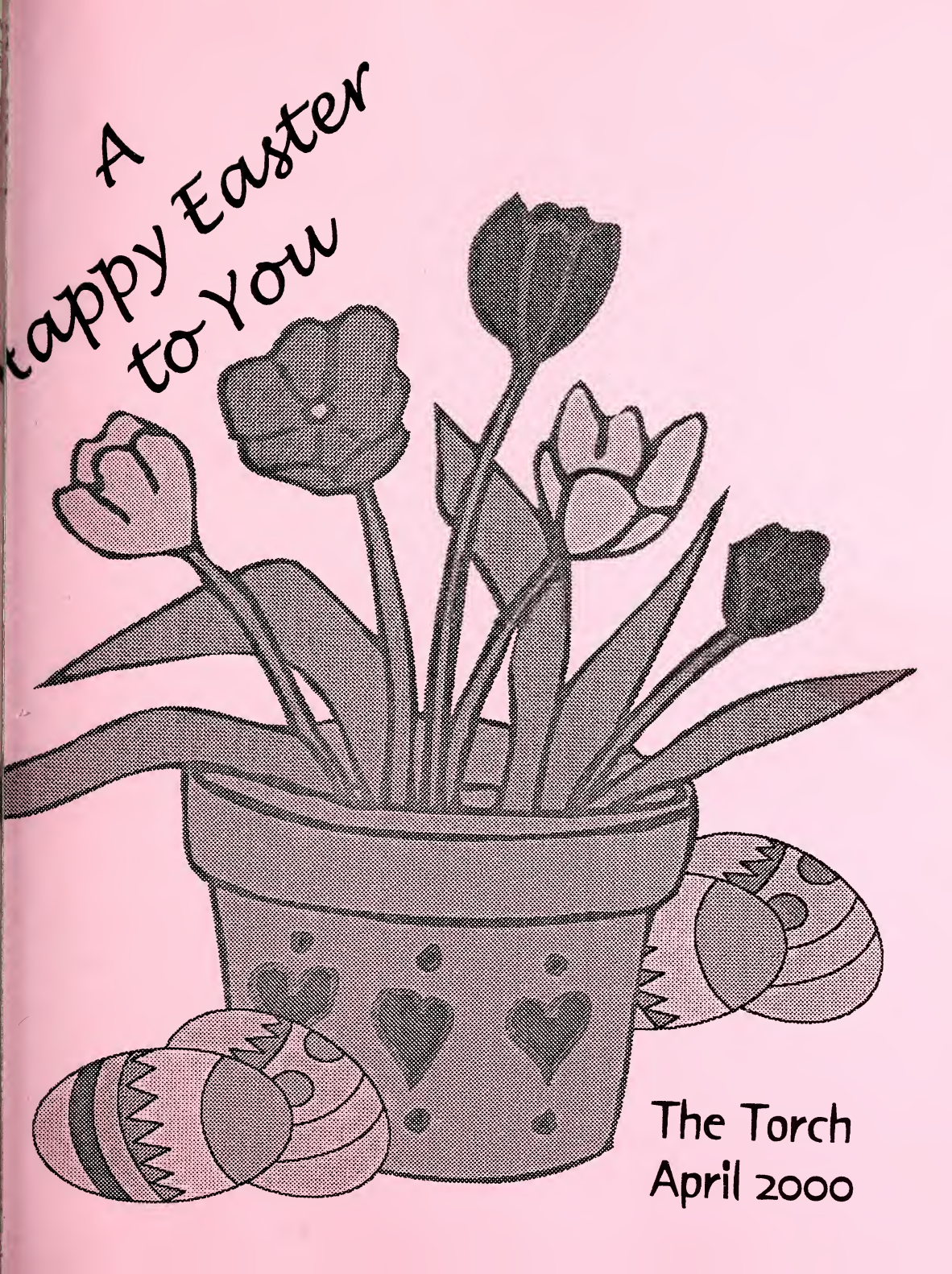
Nursery for MARCH
Mar 5 - Luci Spivey/Mona Atkinson
Mar 12 - Linda Raker/Beth Raker
Mar 19 - Lou Harper/Geoff Bengel
Mar 26 - Maxine Rich/Miranda Rich

Second Hour Child Care for MARCH
Mar 5 - Laura Chatfield/Stephen Bengel
Mar 12 - Jimma Causey/Katrina Chappell
Mar 19 - Marie Wilkins/Anna Wilkins
Mar 26 - Christy & David Ruth

Bulletin Board Update for MARCH
1st Week - Linda Vogg
2nd Week - Bekah Davis
3rd Week - Olga Griswold
4th Week - Liz Bensen

Liturgists for MARCH
Mar 6 - Bill Ruth
Mar 13 - Lois Luke
Mar 20 - Earl Danieley
Mar 27 - Barry Raker

Church Attendance for
Jan 30 - 0
Feb 6 - 189
Feb 13 - 134
Feb 20 - 120


A
Happy Easter
to You
The Torch
April 2000

From the Pastor . . . New Things!

Lent is upon us and Easter, a season of rebirth and renewal, draws near. This issue of *The Torch* features several new articles and information.

In this issue I welcome Tom Small who will be offering us a monthly devotion. Tom and his wife Amy join us for worship regularly; I hope you have met them! Tom is a writer and provides frequent devotional articles for an Internet daily devotional service. His writing is impressive. Tom uses scripture, wonderful analogies and prayer for his devotions. How blessed we are that he is willing to share God's gift in him with us!

Two of our confirmands have submitted their reports on two of our mission projects. Callie Lambert and Josh Padgett bring a fresh look at two items that we may hear about or see on a budget line but may not understand. Thanks to them for allowing us to share the good news! Next month we should have more of these articles from our other confirmands.

You will see an article here about the beginning of the search process for a second staff person. Please read carefully and understand that each of you will play an important part in that process!

I have received the blessing of our Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees to transform Room 203 in our education building into a *Prayer Room*. We need to soften the look of the room to make it more conducive to a place of meditation and worship. You are invited to help with that process and, more importantly, you are invited to use the room when you need a place for quiet reflection.

Hopefully, our church will provide the community with a daily Eucharistic service, a short devotion with Holy Communion. Again, you are invited to offer suggestions about times for the Monday through Friday devotion, and to participate as you will!

Youth United, our middle and senior high youth ministry, continues to prosper with the help of dedicated parents and volunteer college students. Fun, Fellowship, Faith and Service, are a deliberate piece of each program. This is a new program and emphasis that is growing. If your teen is not participating we hope that he or she will try us out soon!

Do not be shocked by the change in the appearance of our Meetinghouse. The Trustees have accepted the bid to remove the steeple and to have a new leaded-copper roof installed replacing the old shingles for a more permanent look. The process could take a few weeks. The bells will be silent for the duration . . . but we will rejoice when they ring again from the old steeple made new!

Jesus tells us that he comes to *make all things new!* It is exciting when we are changed, forgiven, made new, challenged and surprised by the wonders of his teaching and his Easter joy!

There is a refreshing spirit in the air that moves us into this new century. Watch for more new things to come . . . !

In expectation . . .and Christ's love,

Arch

Arch Aitcheson
Pastor and Teacher

Search Committee Process

Your Church Council has named and called to action two representative committees to study, examine and facilitate the process of filling the second ministerial staff position.

The first committee is labeled *A Feasibility & Search Committee* and will be making contact with the congregation over the next few weeks to brainstorm ideas for the type of ministerial position we need and are willing to support. Then the committee will combine those findings and propose a job description and prepare for the search process to find the person to do that job.

The second committee will compile a Church Profile that will be used to tell our story and our need top prospective candidates for the position.

The Committee Memberships are as follows:

Feasibility and Search
George Troxler, Chair
Melodie Allshouse
Stephen Bengel
Vivian Bengel
Mark Danieley
Leigh Ann Denny
Marsh McLelland
Sue Shipley
Gayland Welborn

Profile Committee
Earl Danieley, Chair
Robert Vick
Bekah Davis
Katherine Floyd
(George Troxler -Co Rep from Search Committee)
(Sue Shipley- Co Rep. From Search Committee)

Pray for and support these leaders by your participation in the discussion process!

Caulk

I recently had to caulk a few spots around the outside of our house. For those who do not know what caulk is, let me briefly explain. It looks like toothpaste; it comes in a tube and fills in the cracks between the siding and the wood trim on a house. It can also be used to fill in cracks around a sink or tub. Anyway, I was working on the last spot on the siding before touching up the paint, when I realized something so simple but far reaching. It is something that brings us all together as brothers and sisters in Christ. Caulk is used to cover mistakes in the building of a house. God's grace, which we experience through the blood of Jesus Christ, covers our mistakes (or sins) in life. And you thought I was odd for talking about caulk.

Think about it this way. If we run out of caulk and still have cracks to fill, we can simply go to Lowe's Home Improvement and buy more. In theory, we will never run out of caulk to fill all the gaps or holes in our house. With God we can continually approach Him in the name of Jesus Christ, confess our sins, and always be assured that through His abundant grace, God will forgive us. Our sins are not only covered; the Father forgets them.

Caulk hides the carpenter's mistakes in judgment. God's grace hides the mistakes of sinners. It is rather fitting that I relate caulk to God's grace. God sent His Son into this world to create a new life for His children. Jesus did this by taking on all our sins and dying on the cross. But before He gave up His earthly life, Jesus was a carpenter. He created things by His own hands. I'm sure He never needed caulk to cover mistakes. He was perfect in every detail. Those same hands now lead us to the throne of God where we have an eternal life.

> ***You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. 20He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. 21Through Him you have come to trust in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. 22Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. 23You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.*** (1 Peter 1:18-23 NRSV)

Keep this verse of Scripture in mind as you go about your daily life. ***The God who has girded me with strength has opened wide my path.*** (II Samuel 22:33 NRSV)

May God Bless You!

Tom
Email: trsmall1@yahoo.com

April Devotion
by Tom Small

Help is Needed!

The Board of Christian Education is looking for a few good people to fill the following positions:

- •Childrens Coordinator
- •Adult Coordinator
- •Family Coordinator

General Duties:

Become familiar with the overall goals of the congregation, and how these goals may be achieved through the congregation' ministry with Children.Adult/Families.
Keep the congregation informed about the concerns, hopes, and needs of children/adult/families in our church community ar in the larger community.
To support and guide the work of the Children's/Adult's/Family Council (if one is formed)
Be a participating member of the Board of Christian Education.
These positions shall be a one year commitment.

Children's Coordinator:

To help plan and carry out a varied ministry with children with the support and help of the Christian Ed. Staff perso. Tasks including but not limited to, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Children's Fellowship.

Adult Coordinator:

To become aware of resources for Adult ministry and participate in training experiences.
To help plan and carry out a varied and wide ranging program with adults including, but not limited to retreats, special study events, trips, workshops, Sunday School, etc.

Family Coordinator:

To become aware of resources and activities to guide families in Christian Living in church and the home.
To help plan and carry out a varied and wide ranging program for families with the help and support of staff including, but r limited to retreats, recreation, camps/confrences, family/fellowship events, study events, etc.
To help families find oppoirtunities for service in the community.

If you are interested, please contact the Church Office or Board of Christian Education

STEEPLE WORK TO BEGIN

Board of Trustees has voted to begin work on the steeple. Mabry dstries will remove the steeple, transport it to their shop, and cover it it lead-coated copper. They will also repair and paint the portion of nesteeple which contains the louvers. After doing this work they will t-n it to the church and put it back in place.

tional funds are needed to pay for the project. You are invited to ribute toward this project which will cost a total of $16,500. Your stance is needed and will be appreciated.

Earl Danieley, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Elon College Community Church

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(12/12) 2 MONTHS
CCB General Checking Acct
REPORT DATE: 02/29/2000

ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	24,524.20	36,753.96	32,783.68	3,970.28+	202,702.00	36,528.05
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	990.00	990.00	2,216.66	1,226.66	13,300.00	1,990.00
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	.00	.00	133.34	133.34	800.00	.00
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	.00	25.00	25.00	150.00	1,267.07
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	754.97	774.97	.00	774.97+	.00	1,449.52
TOTAL Interest	3.93	377.94	83.34	294.60+	500.00	357.64
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	508.01
TOTAL INCOME	26,273.10	38,896.87	35,242.02	3,654.85+	217,452.00	42,100.29
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	143.00
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	80.00	80.00	680.00	600.00	2,360.00	200.00
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	1,666.00	1,666.00	1,660.00	6.00+	10,900.00	2,230.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	100.00	100.00	307.10	207.10	2,470.00	682.12
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	.00	.00	769.16	769.16	3,225.00	1,697.41
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	.00	.00	33.20	33.20	300.00	93.76
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	29.95	380.81	896.40	515.59	5,725.00	821.30
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	12,025.82	23,888.02	28,258.94	4,370.92	170,172.00	21,500.68
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	3,926.84	7,414.60	6,913.08	501.52+	48,120.00	8,123.23
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	.00	750.00	.00	750.00+	.00	518.34
TOTAL EXPENSES	17,828.61	34,279.43	39,517.88	5,238.45	243,272.00	36,009.84
NET TOTALS	8,444.49	4,617.44				6,090.45

Dear Archie,

Thank you for the gift from "Community Church." Your faithful suppo is deeply appreciated.

God's blessings to you and the congregation!

Bob
Christian Counseling Center
Burlington, NC

TREASURER'S REPORT 2/29/00

GENERAL FUND

	Annual Budget	Monthly	2/29/00	Budget to 2/29/00	+/-
Income	$217,452.00	$18,121.00	$38,896.87	$35,242.02	$3,654.85
Expenses	$243,272.00	$20,272.67	$34,279.43	$39,517.88	($5,238.45)
Deficit(-)/Surplus(+)	($25,820.00)	($2,151.67)	**$4,617.44**	($4,275.86)	

	2/29/00		12/31/99
Funds on hand		Funds on hand	
Checking	$11,364.35	Checking	$3,697.43
Money Market	$1,276.03	Money Market	$1,272.10
Total	$12,640.38	Total	$4,969.53
Designated/Liabilities	$23,706.19	Designated/Liabilities	$24,652.78
Actual on hand	($11,065.81)	Actual on hand	($19,683.25)
Reserve	$11,980.66	Reserve	$11,980.66
Bld Fund Loan	($4,000.00)		$0.00
Net Available	**($3,085.15)**	Net Available	**($7,702.59)**

OBLIGATIONS NOT PAID TO DATE:

CUB SCOUTS	$300.00
BOY SCOUTS	$300.00
TOTAL NOT PAID:	$600.00

BUILDING\MEMORIAL FUNDS

	2/29/00		
Building Fund	$6,442.16	Checking	$546.80
Capital Fund Drive '96	$1,959.49	Money Market	$31,873.54
Steeple Repair Fund	$5,828.33	Certificate of Deposit	$11,187.55
New Fellowship Bld	$10,755.22		
Interest Received	$3,578.49	Total	$43,607.89
Interest Paid	($4,305.00)		
Other Memorials	$19,349.20	Anonymous Loan	$0.00
Total	**$43,607.89**	Net Available	**$43,607.89**

NOTE: BUILDING FUND REFLECTS $4000 LOANED TO THE GENERAL FUND

The Board of Deacons, as result of its March meeting , wishes to inform the congregation of several matters. 1. It endorsed Pastor Arch's plan to commence early morning eucharist (communion) services on a daily basis to be initiated during lent. 2. Expressed support for converting a little used class room to a prayer room. 3. Agreed with the Pastor to cooperate with the Elon College Hillel Foundation (Jewish Students) in a Maundy Thursday seder feast. 4. Discussed with the Pastor work and needs of the Good Samaritan Fund. This fund is used to provide substantial support to Elon College families in dire need, some of whom are members of our congregation, as well as other broader community needs. Approximately $12,000 a year is necessary to keep this fund viable. So far this year we are short of this rate of contribution, and are unable to sustain this useful Christian service. The loose offering of first Sunday, communion service, is the basic source of funding this program, but, we are running quite short this year. The Board of Deacons invites the congregation to join us in supporting this Christian service of Elon College Community Church. In the spirit of Christ, The Board of Deacons

Elon College Community Church
Of The United Church Of Christ
Board Of Missions

Our faithful Keeper of the Pantry, Helen Rippy, reports to the Board and the Church that the response to her suggestion that we members promise ourselves to bring just one food item each Sunday was helpful but not exactly overwhelming. Some members regularly help restock the shelves. But there are not enough of them. She hopes that she may soon be able to say there are enough givers and enough food. There is now, however, a shortage of canned meats, tuna is a good and needed example, cereals, flour, shortening, sugar, canned fruits and juices, coffee and tea. But there is plenty of beans and rice, and no more should be brought for the time being. There is, as most of you will have noticed, a grocery cart in the Narthex big enough to hold our gifts.

George Troxler has served for 24 years as Cub Master in the Scouting Program which is sponsored by our Church and the Elon Exchange Club, and when he began the Church budget was $200 annually for Cubs and the same amount for Boy Scouts. For the new century, $300 for each was sought, but as the proposed budget was not subscribed, the cut adopted was $200 each. The Board thanked Dr Troxler for his long service and expressed the hope that new sources of support suffiient to keep the programs functioning could be found. The needs of the Cub Scouts are $1,500 to $1,700, and of the Boy Scouts $3000, annually.

The Exchange Club expects to inaugurate a new venture program for young people. It will be an outdoors program career oriented for those interested in such occupations as veternarian, police, and the like.

Paul Cheek wants to be relieved from long service as Homeless Shelter Coordinator. It is hoped that Professor Robert Vick will take his place and prepare the rosters for the Fridays and Tuesdays for which our Church is responsible.

President Frederick G Grosse of the Elon Homes for Children expressed appreciation to our Church for the 1999 gift of $500.

Marsh McLelland
For The Board
13 February 2000

Callie C. Lambert

3-12-00

Carolina Cross Connection

Carolina Cross Connection is a service project available for Christian youth that are rising ninth graders. The youth and adult volunteers will go to one of five camps and spend a week doing service projects for needy families around the area. Some of these projects include painting, repairing a roof, yard work, porch construction, and sometimes just listening to someone who needs to talk. Although the United Methodist Church runs the camps, anyone who is willing to serve God is welcome. Usually you will leave camp at about 9:15 and return around 5:00. During the free time at camp you will share the activities of the day, sing, and do many other fun group activities. Carolina Cross Connection is intended not only to help assist people in odd jobs that they need done, but it is also intended to help the participants grow spiritually. I am very excited about attending Carolina Cross Connection, and am looking forward to the experiences that it will provide me with.

April 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
2 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:00p Youth 6:00p/9:00p Mass **DEACON-ON-CALL** **BILL RUTH 584-4619**	**3** 10:30a Circle 1 7:00p Cub Scouts 7:30p Circle 2	**4** Noon Circle 3 4:30p Staff Meeting	**5** 7:0 8:0
9 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 12:15p Confirmation 6:00p Youth 6:00p/9:00p Mass 6:30p Church Nite/8:00p Council **DEACON-ON-CALL 584-7415** **MARTIN SHOTZBERGER**	**10** 7:00p Cub Scouts	**11** **NOON TORCH DEADLINE** 7:00p PFLAG 7:30p Shelter Night	**1** 7:00 8:00
16 **PALM SUNDAY** 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 4:00p Choral Concert 5:30p Dinner 6:00p Youth 6:00p/9:00p Mass	**17** 7:00p Pack Meeting	**18**	**19** 7:00 8:00
23 **EASTER SUNDAY** 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 12:15p Confirmation **DEACON-ON-CALL** **ROBERTA STARR 584-9921**	**24** **EASTER MONDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**	**25**	**26** 7:00 8:00
30 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 12:15p Confirmation 6:00p Youth 6:00p/9:00p Mass **DEACON-ON-CALL** **BILL RUTH 584-4619**	**Count how many you can remember:** 1) Blackjack chewing gum 2) Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water 3) Soda pop machines that dispensed bottles	4) Candy cigarettes 5) Coffee shops with tableside jukeboxes 6) Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers 7) Party lines 8) P.F. Flyers	9) Ne 10) B 11) T prefix 12) P 13) H

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	APRIL 2, 2000 **BELL SCHEDULE** 9:30a Youth Ringers 4:00p Handbell Duet 5:00p 3-Octave Ringers 6:00p 2-Octave Ringers	1 **Circle 3** will meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, April 4th in the Seeker's Room.
6 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	7	8
13 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	14	15 CONFIRMATION FIELD TRIP
20 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	21	22 **10:45BASKET BLESSING/ EASTER EGG HUNT** **BULLETIN BLOOPERS** *This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Johnson to come forward and lay an egg at the alter. *Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help.
27 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	28	29 *For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs. *This afternoon, there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptize

14) 45 RPM records
15) S&H Green Stamps
16) Hi-fi's
17) Metal ice trays with levers
18) Mimeograph paper
19) Blue flashbulbs
20) Beanie and Cecil
21) Roller skate keys
22) Cork popguns
23) Drive-ins
24) Studebakers
25) Wash tub wringers

If you remembered:

0 - 5	You're still young
6 - 10	You are getting older
11 - 15	Don't tell your age
16 - 25	You're older than dirt!!!

Josh Padgett
March 12, 2000

- Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit ecumenical Christian housing ministry. It seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness.
- Habitat involves people of all backgrounds, races & religions in the building of houses for families in need.
- Habitat has built over 85,000 homes all across the world, providing 425,000 people in more than 2,000 communities with shelter.
- Habitat was founded in 1976 by Millard Fuller along with his wife Linda.
- Through volunteer work (labor and donations) Habitat builds simple homes with the help of the future homeowners.
- Houses are sold to partner families at no profit, financed by affordable, low interest loans.
- Habitat is not a give-away program. In addition to down payments and mortgage payments, Habitat homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor (sweat equity) into the building of habitat houses for others.
- Habitat's work is accomplished at the local level by affiliates, independently run, non-profit organizations.
- Habitat's international head quarters is located in Americus Georgia, U.S.A.. There they provide information, training, and other support services.
- Habitat is a world-wide movement. More than 1,900 active affiliates can be found in 64 countries including all 50 states of the U.S.A.
- Families are selected by levels of need, willingness to become involved with the program, and ability to repay the no interest loans. Families first apply at the Habitat affiliates.

Habitat for Humanity

SERVICE FAIRE 2000

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2000

Start planning your donations and mark your calendar.

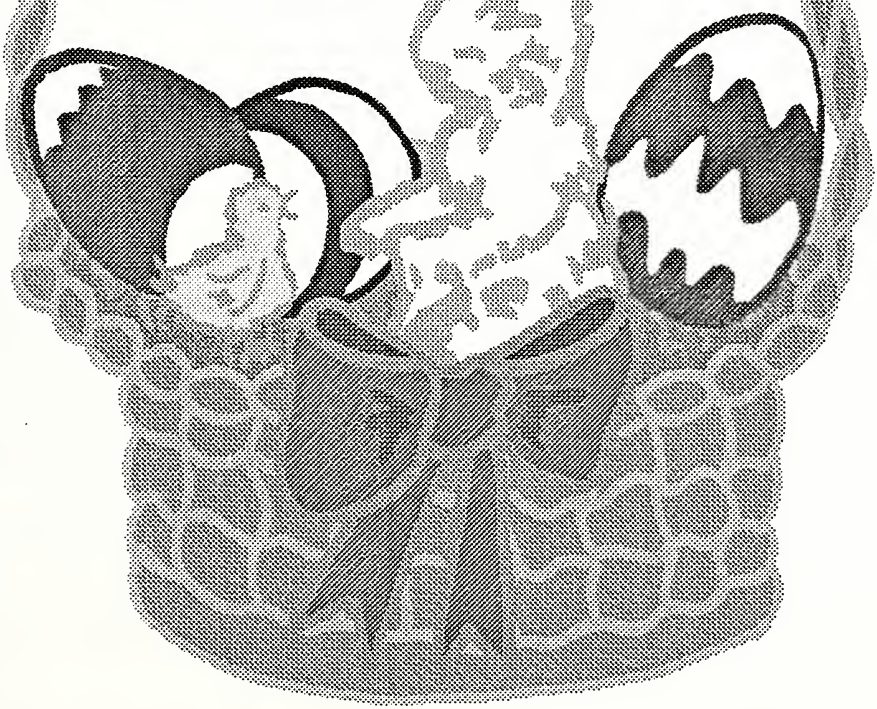
This year's event will feature a new format. The auction will begin earlier in the afternoon and will be in two sessions with a supper break in the middle.

EASTER EGG HUNT/ BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS

April 22, 2000
10:30 - 11:45am
Parents will be needed to accompany children ages 0-4 years.

All children need to bring 3 plastic Eggs to share and a basket.

COME JOIN IN THE FUN!



Vacation Bible School

Step Right Up! The Board of Christian Education would like to put on a Vacation Bible School this summer. This is held one week during the summer from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Each day the Children and Children at heart enjoy hands on Bible Adventures, team building games, snacks, and unique crafts.

Any event takes the 4 P's: people, planning, preparation, and many levels of participation for it to be held and run smoothly . If you would like to see Vacation Bible School continue at Elon College Community Church, please fill out the form below and drop it in the offering plate or mail to the church office. Even if you have a limited amount of time, your help will be appreciated.

Thank you, From the Board of Christian Education

Vacation Bible School – Yes I can Help!

Drop the following form in the offering plate at worship or mail to the church office by April 9th, so that the decision can be made to continue with Vacation Bible School.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

Eucharistic Prayer Service

Imagine beginning your day with scripture, prayer and Holy Communion! In many Christian Communities that is the norm. Your pastor experienced the richness of that discipline last Summer. With the blessing of our Board of Deacons we hope to offer that option to our community.

In order to accommodate those of you who might like this experience we would like to secure your input for possible time frames for such services. ***Please take a minute and check those times you might attend such a service and put it in the offering plate or send it to the Church Office!***

Mon. to Fri. 7 am ___ or 8 am ____
or
Mon/Wed/Friday Noon ___
Tue/Thurs 7 am ___ or 8 am ___
or
Mon/Wed/Friday 7 am ___ or 8 am ____
Tue/Thurs Noon ___

Prayer Room Project

For a number of years people have wondered why we did not have a small room or chapel where one could come to be quiet for prayer and meditation.

At our Church Night Meeting the Board of Deacons and Trustees gave their blessings to set aside room 203 in the Education Building to establish such a place.

The room was recently painted and decorated by the Evangelism Board and with the artistic talent of Patsy Jourdan.

It is our hope to provide furnishings to quiet the room and make it comfortable for those who need a quiet space and for small worship gatherings.

We would like a new area carpet, several small lamp tables and lamps, a small wooden table (4 x 6 or so) and several comfortable arm chairs.

If you can help provide any of the above speak to the pastor at 584-0391 or 449-5322

We hope to have the room ready soon!

Elon College Community Church
Of The United Church Of Christ
Board of Missions
12 March 2000

At the February meeting, Helen Rippy called to the attention of the Church the continuing need to replenish food in the Church Pantry. While some members regularly bring food, not enough do, and there continues to be a shortage of canned meats, cereals, flour, shortening, sugar, canned fruits and fruit juices, coffee and tea, but no need for additional supplies of beans and rice. The situation is now better but it needs to be sustained.

The Minister advised the Boards that the Good Samaritan Fund is now exhausted and the Church has been unable to assist the three to four families regularly dependent on us for monetary assistance in the payment of medical bills, rent, utilities and the like. Several people have made anonymous gifts in the last few weeks and some funding from loose offerings on Communion Sundays have helped, but there is substantial need for membes to make special contributions to the Good Samaritan Fund on a frequent if not regular basis.

Reverand Aitcheson reported also on the Mission Conference 2000 at which Dr and Mrs Roger Crook spoke of the poverty and needs of Christians in Cuba. Our Board and the Women's Fellowship encourage us to be aware of their plight and to move from that awareness to willingness minister to their physical and spiritual condition.

Marsh McLelland
For The Board

Elon College Community Church
P. O. Box 625
Elon College, N.C.27244

To My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish to take this opportunity to send a sincere thank you for the check I received before returning to Lancaster Theological Seminary. The check I received will go a long way in continuing my education. I am blessed in having the support you have given me. May God bless you.

In Christ's Service,

Ray Turner

ELON Homes for Children

The Barringer Center for Child Development • Therapeutic Foster Care
Crisis Care • High and Moderate Management Residential Care
Lakeside Charter Public School • Kennedy Charter Public School
Prevention Services • Vocational Learning

REV. DR. FREDERICK G. GROSSE
President

January 11, 2000

Rev. Archie Aitcheson
Elon College Community UCC
PO Box 625
Elon College, NC 27244-0625

Dear Arch:

Our records indicate that your contributions to Elon Homes for Children, Inc. in 1999 equal $500.00. If you feel we have made an error on this receipt please call (336) 538-6118.

We appreciate your loyalty to our agency throughout the year. May the new year bring you happiness, health, and joy.

Sincerely,

Frederick G. Grosse

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Grosse
President

Our tax ID # is 56-0543225.
The law requires us to state that no goods or services were given in return for this gift.

Elon Homes for Children at Elon College
Snyder Campus
P.O. Box 157
Elon College, NC 27244
(336) 584-0091
FAX (336) 584-4026
http://www.elonhomes.org

Elon Homes for Children at Charlotte
Kennedy Campus
P.O. Box 472527
Charlotte, NC 28247
(704) 542-3310
FAX (704) 543-6628

CWLA Child Welfare League of America MEMBER OF AMERICA

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION OF SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN ACCREDITED

"We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching . . ."

ROMANS 12:6, NRSV

Issues In Christian Ethics

SALVADOR MARTINEZ

Salvador "Buddy" Martinez is an International Associate teaching at McGilvary Faculty of Theology at Payap University in Chiang Mai, Thailand. During the hot season (March, April and May) he works on the annual convocation for the Programme for Theology and Cultures in Asia. In January 2000, the convocation dealt with "Doing Asian Theology in the New Millennium." He also writes of addressing similar themes as he tries to help his students understand their faith in the context of their culture.

"I taught a new course, a critical analysis of Asian theology. For most of my students, thinking of theology in the Asian context is a new experience, a 'shaking of the foundations' of their Christian faith. Together, we tried to understand the Christian message amidst the massive poverty and dominance of other religious traditions and culture in the region. In another course, we looked into some issues in Christian ethics and sought to find answers to the moral dilemmas confronting the Thai people today. HIV-AIDS continues to be a problem in Thailand. But the new economic situation in Thailand has brought new problems. For instance, more and more high school and college students are going into the sex industry. Some do it to support their education, but many do it to support an expensive lifestyle. There is an urgent call for schools and universities to focus on morality and social responsibility and not just on academics."

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The prayers and help you provide through your local congregations make possible the work and witness of GLOBAL MINISTRIES, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.

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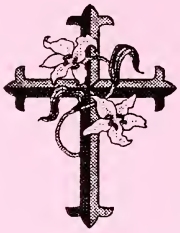

To:

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for April
Apr 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rich
Apr 9 - Mrs. Evelyn Terrell
Apr 16 - Mr. Robert Kittenger
Apr 23 - Mr. and Mrs. John Ketcham
Apr 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barbee

Ushers for April
Apr 2 - Dee Atkinson, Aprk Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Apr 9 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry, Bill Ruth, Linda Vogg
Apr 16 - Bill Beyer, Joseph Davis, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Apr 23 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler
Apr 30 - Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, David Ruth, Ken Bensen

Acolytes for April
Apr 2 - Jeff Wilkins, III/Zach Welborn
Apr 9 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
Apr 16 - Anna Wilkins/Laura Brown
Apr 23 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson
Apr 30 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley

Greeters for April
Apr 2 - Ken & Lou Harper
Apr 9 - Beth Wilkins/Olga Griswold
Apr 16 - David & Christy Ruth
Apr 23 - Linda & Helmut Vogg
Apr 30 - William Andes/Lucille Stone

Nursery for April
Apr 2 - Cile & Claire Welborn
Apr 9 - Carol & George Oakley
Apr 16 - Heidi Danieley/Olga Griswold
Apr 23 - Eric & Melodie Allshouse
Apr 30 - Maxine & Miranda Rich

Second Hour Child Care for April
Apr 2 - Kim & Steve Perry
Apr 9 - Sue & Laura Brown
Apr 16 - Patsy & Eddie Oliver
Apr 23 - Gayland Welborn/Mark Danieley
Apr 30 - Jimma Causey/Katrina Chappell

Bread Ministry (Wrap)
Apr 2 - Liz Bensen
Apr 9 - Linda Vogg
Apr 16 - Liz Bensen
Apr 23 - Carol Oakley
Apr 30 - Bekah Davis

Bulletin Board Update for April
1st Week - Linda Vogg
2nd Week - Olga Griswold
3rd Week - Bekah Davis
4th Week - Liz Bensen
5th Week - Linda Vogg

Liturgists for April
Apr 2 - Martin Shotzberger
Apr 9 - Olga Griswold
Apr 16 - Bill Linde
Apr 23 - Mary Ruth
Apr 30 - Rebecca Perry

Church Attendance for
Feb 27 - 175
Mar 5 - 182
Mar 12 -186
Mar 19 -
Mar 26 -

The TORCH
MAY 2000
Happy Mother's Day

From the Pastor . . . The Times, They Are A-Changin'

The Palm Sunday Musical Extravaganza is over. The faithful few who attended were treated to a sacred music concert rarely experienced in the history of our church. Adults and members of Youth United sang, rang and performed in the spirit of Holy Week.

The supper that followed that event was delicious as we might expect under the leadership of Linda Vogg and her five out of nine members of the Evangelism Board. A good amount was raised to purchase more choir robes . . .a necessary step for a growing music program!

People at the meal were asking me where all the teens came from who performed in the concert. How shocked they were to learn that they all belong to our own church fellowship

(I can hear Bob Dylan's nasal twang, singing, *The times, they are a-changin'.)*

The steeple disappears on Easter Monday.
How shocked some members will be to ride by and see that tall spire missing! Those who have seen the church picture on the bulletin cover or who have read the *Torch* in recent months will know why the steeple is gone.
The corner of Williamson and Haggard looks different.

(Another chorus, please, Bob Dylan!

Two out of three focus lunches designed to give the membership a chance to share their ideas for the second staff leadership position of this church have been held. Many have attended or have sent e-mails to offer their suggestions. Others have not attended. (You still have one more chance on May 7!) There will be new leadership of some fashion. It is your choice whether you will participate or not.

(Hit it, Bob!)

ter has happened.
one missed that, I hope!
us Christ offers afresh the gift of new life.
at changed things.
e experience unleashed the Holy Spirit and caused the formation of a new body.
at body?
e Church - the gathering of people like you into the fellowship and mission of Jesus
rist.
at means YOU!

ne more time, Bob!)

netimes, it feels as if we spell the word for that gathering ; C-H-R-C-H. U is missing.
ps! I mean YOU are missing!)

hese changing times we need everyone to participate in the leadership, the programs
l the mission of this community of Christ. While the Spring tempts us to get a little
y, try not to forget that your church needs you to be there through all the changes.
ke worship and ministry a priority in your life.

"U"soon?

at's enough, Bob! Thanks anyway.)

tor Arch

Joe Seidita (c)MMI

Working Angel

A woman of faith accepted the challenge of
managing Southern Conference offices
In the spirit of dedication and in the joy
of Christian service and mission.
She was a quiet witness of Christ's love,
Listening politely and offering kind direction,
To laity and clergy, who in their own ways
represented the range of human condition.
Skilled in her ministry and firm in her faith,
LouCinda served us well, and Christ better,
as she represented the compassion and grace
she understood and embraced in Christian tradition.
God sent to the larger church of Jesus Christ
this working angel and dependable friend,
As a sign of God's patient forgiveness
and Christ's powerful commission.
"Love one another!" was lived in LouCinda's
ministry and life in Christ-like reflection!

In loving memory and thanksgiving for
LouCinda A. Graves, Office Administrator of the
Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ
who died on April 2, 2000.
She is embraced in Christ's love!
- Arch Aitcheson April 4, 2000

Can You Forgive?

"That crazy driver just cut in front of me. There goes the bread. Oh no, the eggs, too!"

How many of us have dealt with rude drivers? How many of us have been rude ourselves? If we take an honest look at ourselves, most of us have been inconsiderate of others at some time in our lives. Getting behind the wheel of a car just seems to bring out the worst in some folks. It's as though they are in another world. I hope they do not act this rude at home, at work, at school or, perish the thought, at Church.

> *Those with good sense are slow to anger, and it is their glory to overlook an offense.* (Proverbs 19:11 NRSV)

The next time someone cuts you off, instead of yelling or gritting your teeth, say a short prayer for them. You just might be surprised and wonder where the anger went.

> *Heavenly Father, I pray that Your hand of protection will guide that driver. May they arrive safely at their destination. Thank you for keeping me (and my passengers) safe. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.*

> *Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the LORD has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.* (Colossians 3:13 NRSV)

We all get in a hurry sometimes. We are running late for work. We oversleep and realize our class just started. There is only five minutes until the appointment and it takes twenty minutes to drive. The next time you are running behind schedule, instead of swerving in and out of traffic, running every red light, and doing your best to outrun every car you see, take a deep breath, let it out and pray.

> *LORD, I come to you in the name of Jesus to pray for patience. Guide me on my journey. Cause my anxious thoughts to drift away. In Christ's name, Amen.*

> *If we confess our sins, He [God] who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* (1 John 1:9 NRSV)

May the Peace of Christ guide your heart,

Tom
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May Devotion by Tom Small

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April 7, 2000

Dear ECCC Volunteers for the ACAC Emergency Shelter,

This will be the last Shelter letter to come from my house to yours, and I want to say thank you to everyone for your generous help in the past. This community service i the name of ECCC exists because of you. Thank you.

Dr. Robert Vick will now be arranging schedules for us, and you will shortly be hea from him. All of us thank you very much, Dr. Robert.

It sometimes happens that Elon College students sign up for several consecuitive of Shelter duty as apart of their course work, and there are sometimes other people who are doing community service work who sign up as well. During the past coupl months I have telephoned the Shelter just prior to our scheduled first Fridays and second Tuesdays to see whether such volunteers have signed up to be present on nights; as it happens, our volunteers were not needed on Friday, March 3 and on Tuesday, March 14. I am told that we are needed on April 7, which Ray Harclerod and Louis Wilkins know as I write; I will check on the April 11 date and let Bill Blanchard know the result for his night. My impression is that the nights when we not needed will fall mostly within the perid when Fall and Spring Elon College semesters are in session.

Thank you again, and welcome, Robert.

Paul

Paul Cheek

Elon College Community Church
Of the United Church of Christ
Board of Missions
11 April 2000

The need to restock the Church Pantry emphasized at the January and February meetings has been satisfied: the shelves are groaning and Helen Rippy is well pleased. If distributions do not pick up we may have to expand the shelf space. This happy situation will not last forever, but for the time being, cool it, says Helen.

The Good Samaritan Fund continues to present an opportunity to help those in our community who need money to pay recurring utilities and similar bills. Regular giving to that category of local mission needs, which is one of the listings on the weekly pledge envelopes, is encouraged.

Louis Wilkins, Co-Chair of the Board, called our attention to the program endorsed by the NC Council of Churches to encourage the North Carolina General Assembly to enact legislation to impose limits on contributions to candidates for State offices. A bipartisan group of 56 members is sponsoring the N C Clean Election Act which provides for public funding and limited private giving at a cost that will require no tax increase. Expressions of support for the program by church people is encouraged and should be addressed to NC Voters for Clean Elections, P O Box 10402, Raleigh NC 27605.

Paul Cheek, our Church's coordinator for the Homeless Shelter Program, is to be honored by presentation of a citation for his many years of service. Our new coordinator is Robert Vick.

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For The Board

May 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	W
	1 8:00a Communion 10:30a Circle 1 7:00p Cub Scouts 7:30p Circle 2	2 7:00p Circle 3	3 8: C 7:00p 8:00p A
7 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 12:15p Confirmation 6:00p Youth 6:00p/9:00p Mass **EXAM BAG DELIVERY** **DEACON-ON-CALL** **JACKIE MATLOCK 584-7961**	8 7:00p Cub Scouts	9 Noon Communion 7:00p PFLAG 7:30p Shelter Night	10 7:00p 8:00p A
14 **MOTHER'S DAY** 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:30p Church Nite 6:00p/9:00p Mass **DEACON-ON-CALL** **LYNN DENNY 292-0786**	15 8:00a Communion 7:00p Cub Scouts	16 **Noon TORCH DEADLINE** Noon Communion	17 7:00p 8:00p A
21 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:00p Youth Prog. Supper 6:00p/9:00p Mass **DEACON-ON-CALL** **KAY HENSLEY 584-5940**	22 8:00a Communion 7:00p Pack Meeting	23 Noon Communion	24 7:00p 8:00p A
28 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 12:15p Confirmation 6:00p Youth 6:00p/9:00p Mass **DEACON-ON-CALL** **STEVE PERRY 449-7668**	29 **MEMORIAL DAY** **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**	30	31 7:00p 8:00p A

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Circle 3 will meet at 7:00p on Tuesday, May 4th in the Church Library.
4 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	5 8:00a Communion 6:45p Special Friday's 7:30p Shelter Meal (CE/Shipley)	6 PARISH HOUSE ALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP 9:00a - Noon
11 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club Noon Communion	12	13
18 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club Noon Communion	19 8:00a Communion	20
25 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club Noon Communion	26 8:00a Communion 6:30p Wedding Rehearsal	27 2:00p Wedding

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12) 3 MONTHS
CCB General Checking Acct
REPORT DATE: 03/31/2000

ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	15,335.83	52,089.79	49,175.52	2,914.27+	202,702.00	52,268.83
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	995.00	1,985.00	3,324.99	1,339.99	13,300.00	2,965.00
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	.00	.00	200.01	200.01	800.00	.00
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	.00	37.50	37.50	150.00	1,267.07
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	1,078.00	1,852.97	.00	1,852.97+	.00	2,401.52
TOTAL Interest	.00	377.94	125.01	252.93+	500.00	367.57
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	508.01
TOTAL INCOME	17,408.83	56,305.70	52,863.03	3,442.67+	217,452.00	59,778.00
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	143.00
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	600.00	680.00	680.00	.00	2,360.00	200.00
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	833.00	2,499.00	2,490.00	9.00+	10,900.00	3,845.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	64.00	164.00	460.65	296.65	2,470.00	894.36
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	.00	.00	978.74	978.74	3,225.00	3,762.61
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	169.56	169.56	49.80	119.76+	300.00	93.76
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	439.81	820.62	1,344.60	523.98	5,725.00	1,133.48
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	12,970.59	36,858.61	42,388.41	5,529.80	170,172.00	36,870.09
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	5,150.56	12,565.16	11,369.62	1,195.54+	48,120.00	13,307.88
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	378.49	1,128.49	.00	1,128.49+	.00	688.34
TOTAL EXPENSES	20,606.01	54,885.44	59,761.82	4,876.38	243,272.00	60,938.52
NET TOTALS	3,197.18-	1,420.26				1,160.52-

TREASURER'S REPORT 3/31/00

GENERAL FUND

	Annual Budget	Monthly	3/31/00	Budget to 3/31/00	+/-
Income	$217,452.00	$18,121.00	$56,305.70	$52,863.03	$3,442.67
Expenses	$243,272.00	$20,272.67	$54,885.44	$59,761.82	($4,876.38)
Deficit(-)/Surplus(+)	($25,820.00)	($2,151.67)	**$1,420.26**	($6,898.79)	

Funds on hand	3/31/00	Funds on hand	12/31/99
Checking	$5,128.24	Checking	$3,697.43
Money Market	$1,276.03	Money Market	$1,272.10
Total	$6,404.27	Total	$4,969.53
Designated/Liabilities	$24,667.26	Designated/Liabilities	$24,652.78
Actual on hand	($18,262.99)	Actual on hand	($19,683.25)
Reserve	$11,980.66	Reserve	$11,980.66
Bld Fund Loan	$0.00		$0.00
Net Available	**($6,282.33)**	Net Available	**($7,702.59)**

OBLIGATIONS NOT PAID TO DATE:

TOTAL NOT PAID: $0.00

BUILDING\MEMORIAL FUNDS

	3/31/00		
Building Fund	$10,449.16	Checking	$547.69
Capital Fund Drive '96	$1,959.49	Money Market	$33,224.97
Steeple Repair Fund	$2,658.33	Certificate of Deposit	$11,187.55
New Fellowship Bld	$10,755.22		
Interest Received	$3,657.92	Total	$44,960.21
Interest Paid	($4,305.00)		
Other Memorials	$19,785.09	Anonymous Loan	$0.00
Total	**$44,960.21**	Net Available	**$44,960.21**

NOTE: GENERAL FUND REPAID $4000 LOAN TO THE BUILDING FUND

Week Day Eucharistic Services

Holy Communion and Prayer will be provided Monday Through Friday in the new Prayer Chapel (Room 203) of the Elon College Community Church Education Building according to the following schedule:

(starting April 17, 200)
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8 a.m.

(starting May 9, 2000)
Tuesday and Thursdays
12:15 p.m.

The focus will be based upon the scripture lessons of the day, the sacrament and prayers.
Everyone is welcome!
Questions? 584-0391

EXAM GOODIE BAG TIME IS NEAR! NEEDED BY MAY 7:

BAGS OF WRAPPED CANDY
MICROWAVE POPCORN
COFFEE PACKETS
TEA BAGS
INDIVIDUAL BAGS OF CHIPS
CHEESE/ PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS
HOMEMADE COOKIES
CHEWING GUM
LIFESAVERS

BRING ITEMS ANY SUNDAY AND LEAVE IN THE NARTHEX BASKETS OR TO THE CHURCH OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP DELIVER THE BAGS TO CAMPUS ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 7!

CALL LINDA VOGG AT 538-1925

"Uncle Ray" Wants YOU!

Elon College Community Church, United Church of Christ

FACT:

- Our Parish House is Our Fellowship Center

- We enjoy having meals, meetings, and special events in the Parish House.

- The Building has served us well for many years.

- We have neglected its regular care and up-keep!

- Allowing it to remain cluttered and dirty is poor stewardship !

Let's make our Parish House Smile Again!

RAY COVINGTON AND YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL TEAM WANT

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to join them in a

PARISH HOUSE CLEAN – UP

ON SATURDAY MAY 6, 2000

From 9 – Noon

A Hotdog luncheon will follow!

Bring cleaning supplies, mops, buckets, etc. and help us clean our "fellowship home" as we would our own. Bring paint brushes and rollers for spruce-up etc.

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DATE: April 19, 2000

PRESS RELEASE: **CHURCH COUNCIL ANNOUNCES NEW LEADER**

CONTACT PERSONS: Evelyn Mattern, 919/828-6501
George Reed, 919/639-6322

At the bi-annual meeting of its House of Delegates, the North Carolina Council of Churches' president, Bridget Johnson of Greensboro, announced the selection of a new executive director, the Rev. George Reed of Angier, N.C. The Council also bade a formal farewell to its current executive director, the Rev. Collins Kilburn.

Reed, who has a law degree as well as a degree in ministry, has been the Council's legislative liaison for the past three years. He also served as Director of Citizenship Education and World Hunger for the Baptist State Convention for 17 years. Reed brings to the Council broad experience in issues of health care, environmental stewardship, separation of church and state, and peacemaking. He is married to Susan Evans Reed, Executive Director of The Arc of Wake County, and they have a son Joseph, age 13.

Retiring director Kilburn urged Council and church members to continue to press on in their sometimes unpopular political ministry. Recalling his 30 years of "mostly joyful" service in "the perfect job," he spoke of its origins in the civil rights movement and advised that the church finds new life when "it takes some risk on behalf of the oppressed." He concluded with a quote from another civil rights leader, "Don't think you have to be a big dog to make a difference; you just have to be a persistent flea."

The North Carolina Council of Churches is an 65 year old ecumenical agency of 26 denominational bodies in the state.

r Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
e and I have thoroughly enjoyed your gift of homemade Bread. It
ways a pleasure to visit with you when we are in Elon. The gift
read is such a wonderful touch!

Thank you so much,
Gene & Janet Johnson

Elon College Community Church
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To:

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for May
May 7 - Dr. and Mrs. M. Shotberger
May 14 - Judge and Mrs. Marsh McLelland
May 16 - Mrs. Beth Schmidt
May 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyd

Ushers for May
May 7 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
May 14 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry, Bill Ruth, Linda Vogg
May 21 - Bill Beyer, Joseph Davis, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
May 28 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler

Acolytes for May
May 7 - Jeff Wilkins, III/Zach Welborn
May 14 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
May 21 - Anna Wilkins/Laura Brown
May 28 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson

Greeters for May
May 7 - Earl and Verona Danieley
May 14 - Ann and Kim Acquilano
May 21 - Lynn & Leigh Ann Denny
May 28 - Steve and Kim Perrry

Nursery for May
May 7 - Earl & Verona Danieley
May 14 - Ann & Kim Acquilano
May 21 - Susan & Bill Menikheim
May 28 - Luci Spivey/Mona Atkinson

Second Hour Child Care for May
May 7 - Bill Linde/Katherine Floyd
May 14 - Laura Chatfield/Stephen Bengel
May 21 - Jimma Causey/Katrina Chappell
May 28 - Marie & Anna Wilkins

Bread Ministry /Lemonade
May 7 - Liz Bensen
May 14 - Linda Vogg
May 21 - Olga Griswold
May 28 - Carol Oakley/Bekah Davis

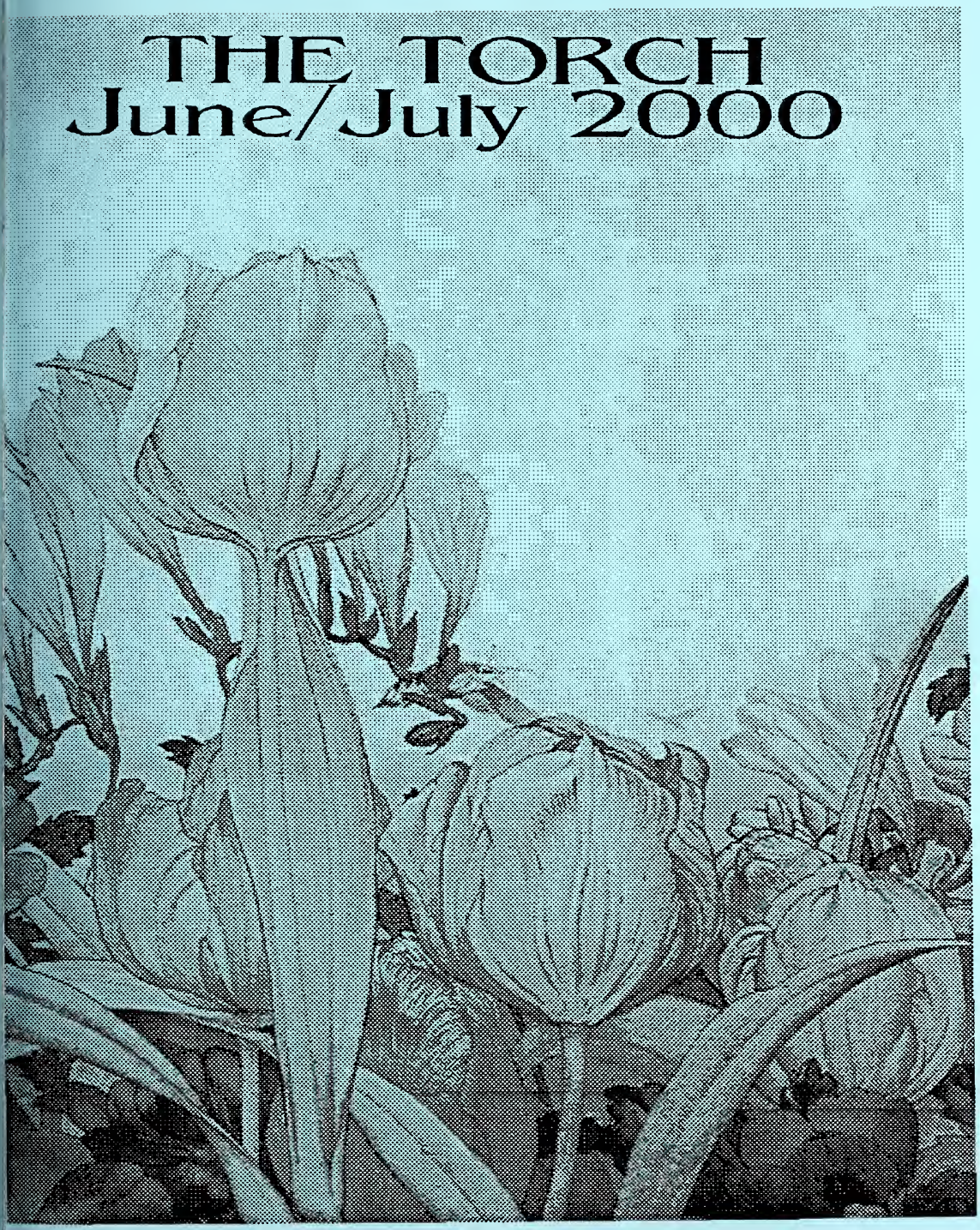
Bulletin Board Update for May
1st Week - Linda Vogg
2nd Week - Bekah Davis
3rd Week - Liz Bensen
4th Week - Olga Griswold
5th Week - Linda Vogg

Liturgists for May
May 7 - Ed Marsh
May 14 - Roberta Starr
May 21 - Verona Danieley
May 28 - Bill Andes

Church Attendance for

Feb 27 - 175	Apr 2 - 165
Mar 5 - 182	Apr 9 - 148
Mar 12 - 186	Apr 16 - 186
Mar 19 - 124	Apr 23 - 269
Mar 26 - 139	

THE TORCH
June/July 2000



From the Pastor . . .

Celebrating People!

Welcome to the Confirmation Class 2000 who were received in membership on May 2, 2000 at Morning worship:

Geoff Kevin Bengel
Callie C. Lambert
Joshua Harrison Padgett
Miranda Joe Rich
Morgan Nicole Williamson

What a joy it was to work with this group of young adults and their parents!

Congratulations to our college graduates:

Heather Dillashaw - Vanderbilt Divinity School
Rachael Dillashaw Shoffner - Appalachian State University
Heidi Troxler - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Emily Woody - Elon College
(Note: These are the only names we have received to date. Tell us about your High School and College grads!)

Many Thanks to:

Patsy and Eddie Oliver, Kim and Steve Perry, Marie Wilkins and Laurie and Leo Lambert for hosting Youth United for our progressive supper on May 21. Twenty three people enjoyed a marvelous feast!

hanks to:

Linda Vogg, Olga Griswold, Ray Covington, and Sue Shipley who gave a Saturday morning with this pastor to clean-up and to throw away trash at the Parish House. Thanks to Linda, too, for the new painting that hangs in the entry hall! Thanks to Earl Danieley and helpers who planted the begonias in the front garden beds.

hanks to:

Trustees Earl Danieley, Jim Starr, Jo Grimley and helpers, Biff Bradford, Charles Woolsey, Bill Linde and friends who helped watch and prepare for the steeple removal and repair! The new steeple looks solid. It now weighs in at 3 tons! That's a lots of steel and copper!

hanks to:

Laurie Lambert, Marie Wilkins, Teen Parents and College Assistants who kept our Youth United Program moving along this past semester. The large number of teens participating is a testimony to the need and interest!

hanks to:

All who continue to support the ministries of this church by attending, financing, leading and encouraging the people who give of their time and talent to us all.

hankfully,

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Are We There Yet, God?

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, [2]looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of God. **(Hebrew 12:1-2 NRSV)**

How many times have you been impatient with God? I cannot begin to remember. If God were to spark my memory, I would be embarrassed to no end.

We get so impatient waiting for things to turn out the way we planned that we sometimes express our frustration to God. Fortunately, He is a caring, loving, and patient Father. He does not get angry but He often lets us know the time has yet to come. Do not ever think God is withholding a blessing simply for His own amusement. God knows the future- He creates it- and He knows when the timing is perfect for us to have what our hearts desire. Sometimes, that time is never. There are some things we pray for that the Father may never give us because (1st) it is not His will, and (2nd) receiving it may bring us harm. That harm could be physical or more severe; it could separate us from God. We may see the blessing as all we need to fulfill our lives. God wants all of us to seek Him first.

The words of Jesus Christ: "***Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' [32]For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. [33]But strive first for the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*** (Matthew 6:31-33 NRSV)

Keep this verse of Scripture in mind as you go about your daily life. ***The God who has girded me with strength has opened wide my path.*** (II Samuel 22:33)

May God Bless You!

Tom Small

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June Devotion

We need You!

Have you enjoyed the wonderful lunches and dinners provided by the Evangelism Board under Linda Vogg's artful direction? If so we need your help.

We elected enough people to make a team of nine folks, but do to resignations or lack of support Linda and her team are down to four or five active bodies who do the work of many more.

They are responsible for our bread ministry, for changing the information on the sign board each week, for promoting and carrying out fellowship meals and events. Each member commits to attending a board meeting on the second Sunday night (Church Night!) of each month and to helping to set-up, organize and facilitate the events that we all love.

We need FOUR persons who will commit to serving on the Evangelism Board filling out the terms left vacant by others. PLEASE do join a fun and friendly team that works hard for you! Tell Arch or Linda you are willing to help them in their endeavor!

Call today! 584-0391 (Church Office)

Thanks!

Hope to see you at the next luncheon or fellowship event!

CHURCH EMAIL

From: "J. C. & Carol Dollar" <dollarjc@xtn.net>
To: "Rev. Arch Aitcheson" <eccc-ucc@mindspring.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 07, 2000 3:08 PM
Subject: Update!

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May 7, 2000

Hello Friends:

Just a note to update all our friends regarding our search for resources for Scott. Well we have finally completed our research and made our decision. We want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your prayers, email, calls and suggestions. In addressing Scott's needs we were referred to Atlanta, New Orleans, Baltimore, Tampa, Pittsburgh, Jacksonville, Louisville, Seattle, Minneapolis, and Raleigh/Durham. We visited most of these places, interviewed service providers for the deaf/blind and even interviewed deaf/blind individuals and/or their families in several cities. What an experience! I wish we had kept a formal journal. We do have tons of notes, many miles of travel, hours of Internet research, scores of telephone conversations and frequent conversations with God.

And the winner is . . . Pittsburgh! Actually, the real winner will be Scott!!! Each of the places listed above had their pluses and minuses. Pittsburgh, however, could be the next Mecca for the Deaf/Blind in our opinion. On one trip there Scott had the opportunity to tour some of the resources (in particular Pittsburgh Vision Services) and meet and talk with some deaf/blind individuals. One of these is a member of the only Lions Club in the world with **only** deaf/blind members. Scott was invited to be his guest at a meeting and to consider joining the club if he moves there. There is a wholesome number of deaf/blind individuals in the greater Pittsburgh area and they have done an excellent job of advocating for themselves in regards to services. For example, several years ago they were instrumental in getting the mass transit (bus and trolley) system to provide door to door service for all deaf/blind individuals. The transit authority has contracted with Checker Cab at a rate just slightly above the bus rate for this service.

This summer a bus load of deaf/blind individuals are going to the AADB (American Association of Deaf/Blind) convention in Columbus, Ohio. Transportation is free and all delegates from the area are receiving scholarships for a major portion of their expenses.

There is currently strong advocacy work going on with the state bureaucracy to provide Support Service Providers (SSPS) for the deaf/blind and there is considerable discussion and dialogue now among the deaf/blind about developing housing complexes designed for the deaf/blind and their families.

Other key factors in Pittsburgh are their interpreting services and employment opportunities. Interpreting services are of high quality and quantity in both ASL and Tactile. When asked what would be Scott's ideal job, the response was data entry in the public relations or statistics department with one of the professional sports teams in Pittsburgh. He could also serve as an official host or greeter to other disabled fans on game days. Contacts have already been made on Scott's behalf with General Managers and/or owners of the Steelers, Pirates, and the Penguins! Once we are in town, Scott will pursue these potential opportunities diligently.

Scott is soooooo excited!!! Scott has already made several friends there and they are communicating by email. Rich (DB) and Karen McGann of Pittsburgh have been extremely supportive and encouraging to Scott

and our whole family.

There are so many of you that we want to thank for your concern and support of our family during this process. So many that we hesitate to mention any for fear that we will leave someone out. However, we do need to mention the McGann's, Harry Anderson (President of AADB) and all the many fine folks at Helen Keller.

We were fortunate to sell our house and find one in Pittsburgh. If all works out we will be moving on May 15 into our new home at 1661 Sturbridge Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143. Sewickley is a suburb of Pittsburgh. Our house is actually about seven miles from Sewickley in a nice "rural" neighborhood. We do not know our phone number yet and our email addresses will remain the same for a short while. We will notify you of both of these changes soon. Once we are there Scott will start his search for his own place in Pittsburgh.

Carol is excited about her opportunities for redecorating our new (20 year old colonial) home and the major outlet there for her Father Christmas Creations.

It is very interesting that when we started this search for Scott, there was basically no openings being advertised that were in J.C.'s line of work. A few weeks later, President /CEO position openings were announced in nearly every one of these cities. J.C. explored several of these and actually had four offers. We were adamant though that our new home would be decided on the basis of Scott's best interest. J. C. has accepted the CEO position for ***familylinks,*** a new organization resulting from the merger of two very strong agencies in Pittsburgh, The Whale's Tale and Parent and Child Guidance Clinics. This new organization, ***familylinks***, serves children and families in 18 different sites in the greater Pittsburgh area and has 440 staff members. J. C. is excited about the challenges ahead and looks forward to completing his career at this agency over the next 15-20 years.

The Lord continues to bless us in so many ways. We give thanks and are very humbled by these opportunities and the many friends we have across this country.

Sincerely,

J. C., Carol and Scott

Congratulations to the families of these Newborns:

Catherine Michelle Goodwin
Mike and Lorie Goodwin, parents

Bryn Isabella Covington
Ray and Kathy Covington, parents

David Joseph Dodson
Brian and Andrea M. Dodson, parents
Jackie and Cary Matlock, great-grandparents

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

FRANKLINTON CENTER AT BRICKS
EVENTS FOR 2000

MAY

18 - 20 **African American Storytelling Retreat and Festival**

(A gathering of African American Storytellers for Across the nation. A storytelling festival and auction that is free to the public will be Saturday, May 20th, beginning at 1:00 pm.

JULY

6 - 8 **"The Calling on My Life" -- Young Church Leaders Retreat**

(A gathering of young leaders from across the Southern Conference, to come together to fellowship, have fun and and reflect on the "ministry" that God has called them to do. Ages: 13 and up.

AUGUST 5, 2000
FRANKLINTON CENTER DAY

Annual Day of Fun and Fellowship.
Call now : 1-800-345-1850
if you want your choir or youth group to perform).

OCTOBER

13 - 14 **BLACK FAMILY MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

(A time for Pastors, Lay leaders and member to come together to discuss issues of the black family. There will be worship, fellowship, workshops and models of ministries presented.

NOVEMBER

16 - 18TH **PURCELL ALSTON INSTITUTE**

(A leadership development institute for pastors, ministers, and lay.)

DECEMBER:

1 - 2 **RACIAL JUSTICE YOUTH CONFERENCE**

27 - 29 **CAMP KWANZA**

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 **3:00p Wedding**
6	7 **8:00a Communion** **7:30p Shelter Meal (Choir/Shipley)**	8
13	**14** **8:00a Communion**	**15**
20	**21** **8:00a Communion**	**22**
27	**28** **8:00a Communion**	**29**

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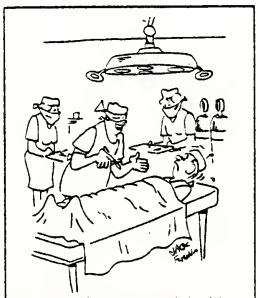

"I bet a friend I could do this blindfolded."

Jack Flynn (c)MMI

June 2000

National Zoo & Aquarium
Month - June 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
4 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship **DEACON-ON-CALL** **BARRY RAKER 584-7725**	**5** 8:00a Communion 10:30a Circle 1 7:30p Circle 2	**6** 7:00p Circle 3	**7** 8:0 7:00p C 8:00p A
11 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Noon Covered Dish Luncheon **DEACON-ON-CALL** **BILL RUTH 584-4619**	**12** 8:00a Communion	**13** 7:00p PFLAG 7:30 Shelter Nite	**14** 8 8:00p A
18 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship **FATHER'S DAY** **DEACON-ON-CALL** **MARTIN SHOTZBERGER** **584-7415**	**19** 8:00a Communion Father's Day June 18, 2000 	**20** 	**21** 8 8:00p A
25 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship **DEACON-ON-CALL** **NELL SYNDER 584-6247**	**26** 8:00a Communion 7:00p Stephens Ministry Trng	**27**	**28** 8 8:00p A

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		"Unfortunately the alarm clock doesn't bring out the best in him." A.A.McCourt (c)MMI
1 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	**2** 8:00a Communion 7:30p Shelter Meal (Laymen's/Danieley)	**3**
8 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	**9** 8:00a Communion	**10**
15 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	**16** 8:00a Communion	**17**
22 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club	**23** 8:00a Communion	**24**
29	**30**	"I'm sorry ma'am. We can't do anything about your neighbor's kid." Jack Flynn (c)MMI

July 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
2 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship DEACON-ON-CALL ROBERTA STARR 584-9921	**3** 8:00a Communion 10:30a Circle 1 7:30p Circle 2	**4** INDEPENDENCE DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7:00p Circle 3	**5**
9 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship DEACON-ON-CALL JACKIE MATLOCK 584-7961	**10** 8:00a Communion	**11** NOON TORCH DEADLINE 7:00p PFLAG 7:30p Shelter Night	**12**
16 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship DEACON-ON-CALL LYNN DENNY 292-0786	**17** 8:00a Communion	**18**	**19**
23 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship DEACON-ON-CALL KAY HENSLEY 584-5940	**24** 8:00a Communion 7:00p Stephens Ministry Trng	**25**	**26**
30 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship DEACON-ON-CALL STEVE PERRY 449-7668	**31** 8:00a Communion		

MAY NEEDS LISTS FOR ALLIED CHURCHES

RING & SHARING, Call Rev. Perry, 229-0881

RLINGTON, GRAHAM, MEBANE Need volunteers to mow a lawn twice a month

RLINGTON	Elderly Gentleman requests friendly visits and calls.
RLINGTON	92 yr. Old lady requests assistance with her mail.
RLINGTON	Respite care volunteer needed for senior gentleman.
RLINGTON	Senior lady requests friendly visits and calls.
RLINGTON	Elderly gentleman requests friendly visits.
RLINGTON	Senior lady needs help shopping.
AHAM	Senior lady requests friendly visits.
BANE	Senior lady needs friendly visits.
BANE	Lonely disabled gentleman needs someone to write letters for him.

ICE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO ANSWER THE PHONE 2-3 hrs a week, late afternoons.
229-0881, Call Rev. Perry

OD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY KITCHEN, Call Michelle Embree, 229-4343

Y OR DAWN DISHWASHING LIQUID, SUGAR, PAPER LUNCH BAGS, BAGS, PAPER TOWELS, BLEACH, ZIP-LOCK BAGS, WAX PAPER, NAPKINS, VEGETABLE SPRAY, VDERED SUGAR, KITCHEN CLEANSERS.
UNTEERS, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM, MOST WEEKDAYS.

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UNTEERS, 6:00 - 11:00 PM

176 Tara Lane
Haines City, FL 33844
May 2, 2000

Rev. Arch Atcheson
Elon College Community Church
271 Williamson Avenue
Elon College, NC 27244

Dear Rev. Atcheson:

We are deeply grateful for the prayers you and the church family offered for my husband during his recent illness and hospitalization. Val - - our daughter, Vale Padgett - - told us that he was on the church prayer list, and we want to express sincere appreciation. We are sure that such caring thoughts and earnest petition were instrumental in Bill's progress toward renewed health and vigor.

We are happy to report that Bill is feeling much better. There is very little moto impairment resulting from the stroke, and the diabetes is manageable with medication. His anemia is being treated with injections three times a week plus iron supplements, which, in turn, should eventually improve the kidneys' functio

Tomorrow we will attend our first diabetes class at the hospital. It will be very helpful, I'm sure, especially in regard to diet control. Val told us that you know great deal about diabetes yourself, so I guess you understand just how "dummy-green" one can feel when there is suddenly a need to know all about it! Thank y again for your concern and prayers.

Most gratefully,

Ruth Potts

Ruth and Bill Potts

Dear Arch Atcheson,

On behalf of the Brothers of the Epsilon Mu Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order we would like to say thank you for allowing us to initiate our new members on April 13, 2000. This event brings all our brothers closer together + I would like to say thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Brian Padgett

r Congregation,

I would like to thank all of you for your support, and for helping my raise the ey I need for the summer. I have been able to get the whole amount I needed. From the Elon College Community Church, I have received around $600. Thank you so h. I would also like to thank those who supported me in other ways than financially. looking forward to this summer, serving God and His people. I will keep in touch you through the church of how the summer is going. Again, thank you.

erely,
Acquilano

April 25, 2000

I would just like to thank you all again for kindly letting our fraternity use your tuary for our initiation ceremonies on April 18. All of us really appreciate being able e the church year after year. Hopefully there were no problems with the sanctuary the ceremony, but if there were any problems please feel to contact me and I would ore than happy to take care of it. Thank you once again.

erely,

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pa Alpha Order
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May 8, 2000

Dear Friends at Elon College Community Church,

I received an exam treat yesterday delivered to my dorm from your congregation. That is very thoughtful of you! I appreciate your prayers and support during this crucial time in my college career. The support of my home church (UCC) means more to me than I can express in words.

This treat will help me get through the stressful week soon approaching. Thank you very much for all you do to promote the spirit in this small, but loving community. Your church is an integral part of this campus and community as a whole. I pray that you continue to exert such enthusiasm and concern for your members and friends.

Thank you again!

Love,

Karen E. Dickens

(Class of 2003)

Karen Dickens

TREASURER'S REPORT 4/30/00

GENERAL FUND

	Annual Budget	Monthly	Actual 4/30/00	Budget to 4/30/00	+/-
Income	$217,452.00	$18,121.00	$79,550.61	$70,484.04	$9,066.57
Expenses	$243,272.00	$20,272.67	$75,826.88	$79,205.76	($3,378.88)
Deficit(-)/Surplus(+)	($25,820.00)	($2,151.67)	**$3,723.73**	($8,721.72)	
DEFICIT STATUS (TO DATE)	**($8,606.67)**		**$3,723.73**		**($4,882.94)**

Funds on hand	4/30/00	Funds on hand	12/31/99
Checking	$7,709.57	Checking	$3,697.43
Money Market	$1,280.03	Money Market	$1,272.10
Total	$8,989.60	Total	$4,969.53
Designated/Liabilities	$24,949.12	Designated/Liabilities	$24,652.78
Actual on hand	($15,959.52)	Actual on hand	($19,683.25)
Reserve	$11,480.66	Reserve	$11,980.66
Bld Fund Loan	$0.00		$0.00
Net Available	**($4,478.86)**	Net Available	**($7,702.59)**

OBLIGATIONS NOT PAID TO DATE:

OGHS	$1,098.00
TOTAL NOT PAID:	$1,098.00

BUILDING\MEMORIAL FUNDS

	4/30/00		
Building Fund	$10,459.16	Checking	$548.47
Capital Fund Drive '96	$1,959.49	Money Market	$35,438.30
Steeple Repair Fund	$4,193.33	Certificate of Deposit	$11,187.55
New Fellowship Bld	$10,755.22		
Interest Received	$3,742.03	Total	$47,174.32
Interest Paid	($4,305.00)		
Other Memorials	$20,370.09	Anonymous Loan	$0.00
Total	**$47,174.32**	Net Available	**$47,174.32**

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12) 4 MONTHS
CCB General Checking Acct
REPORT DATE: 04/30/2000

OUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
CE						
TOL INCOME	22,190.91	74,280.70	65,567.36	8,713.34+	202,702.00	68,051.98
TOL RENTAL INCOME	990.00	2,975.00	4,433.32	1,458.32	13,300.00	3,955.00
TOL OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOL SALES TAX REFUND	.00	.00	266.68	266.68	800.00	.00
TOL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOL GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	.00	50.00	50.00	150.00	1,267.07
TOL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	60.00	1,912.97	.00	1,912.97+	.00	2,401.52
TOL Interest	4.00	381.94	166.68	215.26+	500.00	378.58
TOL Misc. Income Accts	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	980.01
TOL INCOME	23,244.91	79,550.61	70,484.04	9,066.57+	217,452.00	77,034.16
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T SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	143.00
T LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	.00	680.00	680.00	.00	2,360.00	200.00
T OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	1,033.00	3,532.00	3,520.00	12.00+	10,900.00	4,960.00
T WORSHIP EXPENSES	.00	164.00	614.20	450.20	2,470.00	1,126.20
T MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	175.00	175.00	1,188.32	1,013.32	3,225.00	5,017.61
A EVANGELISM EXPENSES	232.07	401.63	66.40	335.23+	300.00	253.76
A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	.00	820.62	1,792.80	972.18	5,725.00	1,403.41
A SALARY EXPENSES	17,042.63	53,901.24	56,517.88	2,616.64	170,172.00	47,406.63
A Facility Operation Exp.	2,458.74	15,023.90	14,826.16	197.74+	48,120.00	18,877.58
A Misc Expense Accts	.00	1,128.49	.00	1,128.49+	.00	1,120.34
A EXPENSES	20,941.44	75,826.88	79,205.76	3,378.88	243,272.00	80,508.53
ALS	2,303.47	3,723.73				3,474.37-

Dear Pastor Arch and Church family,

Thank you so much for the delicious homemade bread as bread is a symbol of the body of Christ and a comfort food of warmth of home it made me feel right at home of my visit to your church.

Thank you,
Mary Duquette

HELP OUR YOUTH BY LOANING ANY OF THESE ITEMS TO US FOR:
CAROLINA CROSS CONNECTION

Group Tool List

CALL: 5840391

All tools are important to bring. Those marked with a heart (♥) are very important and often used. Please make a special effort to bring the correct number of these.

Tool Item	Actual	# Needed	Per
Axe		1	10
Broom (house)		1	5
Broom (push)		1	10
Bucket		2	5
Brush (scrub)		1	5
Brush (wire)		1	5
Carpenters Pencil		1	group
Chalkline		2	group
Drop Cloth♥		2	5
Electrical Adapter		2	group
Extension Cord (Long)		2	group
Garden Hose		1	group
Gasoline Can♥		1	10
Grass Clippers		1	5
Hammer♥		3	5
Hand Pruner		1	5
Hatchet		1	group
Hedge Clippers♥		1	5
Hoe		1	5
Jack		1	group
Ladder (extension) ♥		1	5
Ladder (step) ♥		1	5
Lawn Mower♥		1	10
Level (carpenter) ♥		1	10
Maddox		1	group
Masking Tape		1	group
Mop		1	5
Paintbrush (3" or larger) ♥		1	individual
Paintbrush (2 1/2" or smaller) ♥		1	individual
Paint Thinner (1 Gal)		1	5
Paper Towels (1 Roll)		1	5
Pliers♥		1	5
Post Hole Digger		1	group
Power Drill		1	10
Power Saw (Circular Saw) ♥		1	10
Pruning Shears♥		1	5

Putty Knife♥		1	5
Rags (Clean) ♥		5	individual
Rake (Gravel)		1	10
Rake (Leaf)		1	10
Rollers (Paint) ♥		2	5
Roller Trays♥		2	5
Roller Ext. Rods		2	group
Ruler (folding)		1	group
Safety Goggles♥		2	5
Saw (Hack)		1	group
Saw (Lumber) ♥		1	10
Saw (Tree) ♥		1	5
Scraper (Paint) ♥		3	5
Screwdriver (Flat) ♥		1	5
Screwdriver (Phillips) ♥		1	5
Shovel (flat)		1	10
Shovel (round)		1	10
Sledge Hammer		1	group
Square♥		1	5
Swing Blade♥		2	5
Tape Measure♥		1	5
Tinsnips		1	group
Trowel		2	group
Utility Knife♥		1	5
Weed Eater♥		1	10
Wheel Barrow		1	group
Windex or Window Cleaner		1	5
Wood Rasp		1	group
Wrecking Bar / Crow Bar♥		2	5
Wrench Set		1	group
Extra Roller Pads or Cover♥			

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Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for June
Jun 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford
Jun 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Vogg
Jun 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Kathleen Lankford
Jun 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jourdan

Ushers for June
Jun 4 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Jun 11 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry, Bill Ruth, Linda Vogg
Jun 18 - Bill Beyer, Joseph Davis, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Jun 25 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler

Acolytes for June
Jun 4 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley
Jun 11 - Jeff Wilkins, III/Zach Welborn
Jun 18 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
Jun 25 - Anna Wilkins/Laura Brown

Greeters for June
Jun 4 - Jim & Lorene Lyon
Jun 11 - Tom & Katherine Clark
Jun 18 - Eric & Melodie Allshouse
Jun 25 - Biff & Doris Brafford

Nursery for June
Jun 4 - Maxine & Miranda Rich
Jun 11 - Cile & Claire Welborn
Jun 18 - Heidi Danieley/Olga Griswold
Jun 25 - Carol & George Oakley

Second Hour Child Care for June
Jun 4 - Jimma Causey/Katrina Chappell
Jun 11 - Marie & Anna Wilkins
Jun 18 - Christy & David Ruth
Jun 25 - Kim & Steve Perry

Bread Ministry /Lemonade
Jun 7 - Liz Bensen
Jun 11 - Linda Vogg
Jun 18 - Olga Griswold
Jun 25 - Carol Oakley

Bulletin Board Update for June
1st Week - Bekah Davis
2nd Week - Olga Griswold
3rd Week - Linda Vogg
4th Week - Liz Bensen

Liturgists for June
Jun 4 - Callie Lambert
Jun 11 - Katherine Floyd
Jun 18 - Ray Harclerode
Jun 25 - Rebecca Perry

Church Attendance for
Apr 30 - 136
May 7 - 155
May 14 - 172
May 21 - 138
May 28 - 115

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

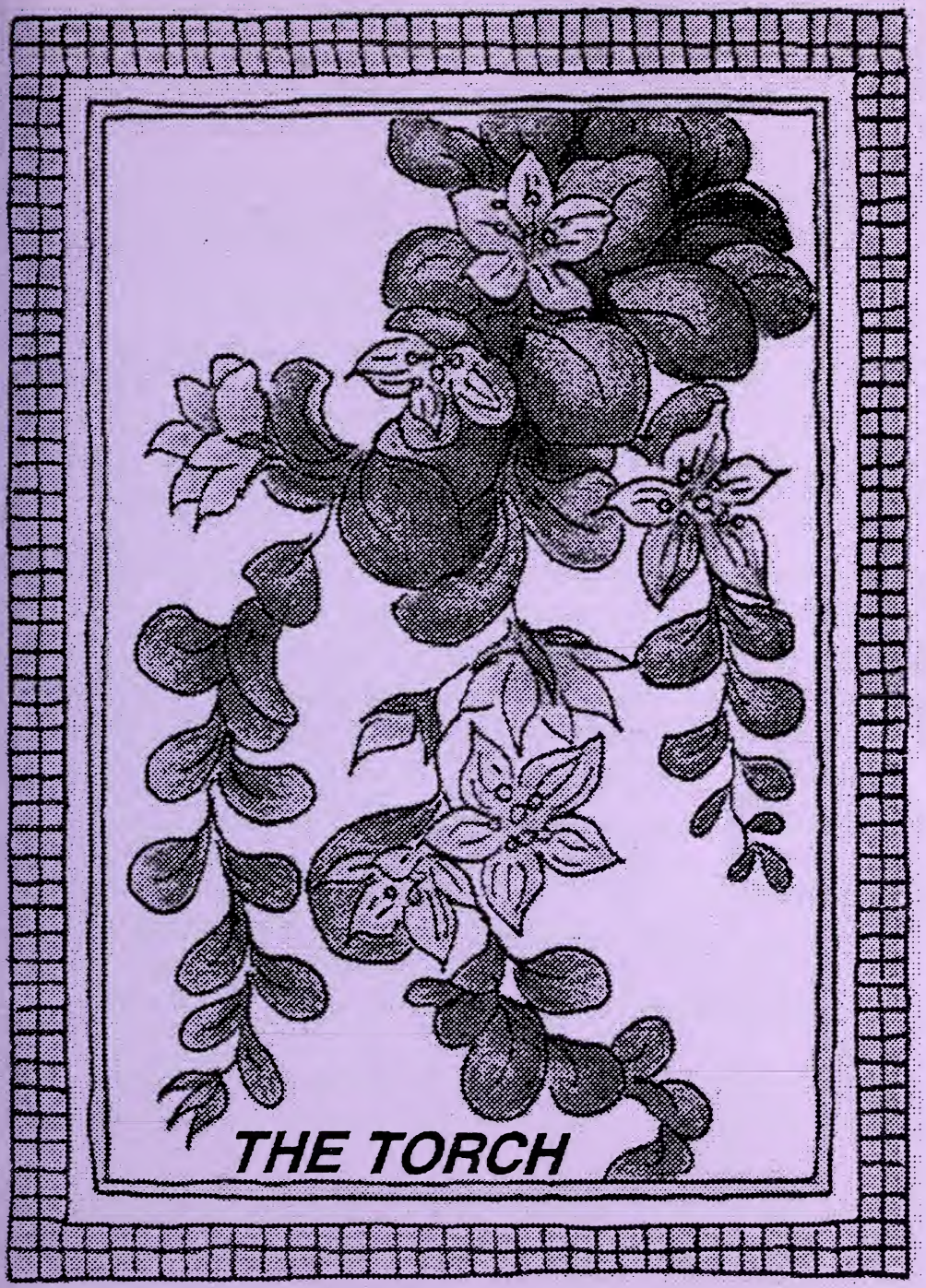
Flowers for July
Jul 2 - Mrs. Frances Longest
Jul 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Mark Danieley
Jul 16 - Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilkins
Jul 23 - Mr. and Mrs. James Lyon
Jul 30 - Dr. and Mrs. Earl Danieley

Ushers for July
Jul 2 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Jul 9 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry, Bill Ruth, Linda Vogg
Jul 16 - Bill Beyer, Joseph Davis, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Jul 23 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler
Jul 30 - Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, David Ruth, Ken Bensen

Acolytes for July
Jul 2 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson
Jul 9 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley
Jul 16 - Jeff Wilkins, III/Zach Welborn
Jul 23 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
Jul 30 - Anna Wilkins/Laura Brown

Nursery for July
Jul 2 - Eric & Melodie Allshoue
Jul 9 - Lorie Goodwin/Margaret Smith
Jul 16 - Earl & Verona Danieley
Jul 23 - Ann Acquilano/Beth Wilkins
Jul 30 - Bill & Susan Menihkeim

Second Hour Child Care for July
Jul 2 - Sue & Laura Brown
Jul 9 - Lynn & Leigh Ann Denny
Jul 16 - Patsy & Eddie Oliver
Jul 23 - Gayland Welborn/Mark Danieley
Jul 30 - Bill Linde/Katherine Floyd



Elon College Community Church
P.O. Box 625
Elon College, NC 27244

From the Pastor . . .

Christian Education Renewal Depends upon Your Investment!

Letters have gone out to begin the recruitment process for a renewal of the Sunday portion of our Christian Education Program. This is a deliberate effort to ***revitalize*** a program for all age groups . . . and I repeat the word ***ALL!***

Starting with a dedication service on September 10, 2000 we will be providing classes from toddlers through adult years. New curriculum is being ordered, teams of teachers who will ***make a full year commitment*** to the program are being recruited, and supplies and resources are being gathered for the effort. Your C.E. Board (still under-staffed), with the help of over thirty teachers, will ***invest*** itself in providing a quality program.

In order for the program to become all that it can be, we need your ***investment !*** Without the cooperation of every member and friend of this congregation our Sunday morning efforts cannot succeed! How can you ***invest*** in this vital part of church life and growth?

1. Make an ***investment*** by attending a Sunday morning class regularly and ***on time***! There is a class for every taste!

2. Make an ***investment*** by bringing your children or grandchildren to the program ***on time*** every Sunday!

3. ***Invest*** in Christian Education by offering to share your own talents and help in the classes you or your children attend!

4. ***Invest*** in our program by letting teachers and leaders know your appreciation through daily prayer, regular study, kind words of affirmation and your presence!

5.Let teachers know when you will not be able to attend so that they can prepare accordingly! Be considerate of their time and effort!

6. ***Invest*** in the future of our faith community by your regular and generous financial support of the church. Christian Education can make a difference in lives long after Sunday School classes have been completed!

Your leaders and this pastor count upon you to join us in the effort to make this an outstanding educational experience for us all!

I look forward to seeing all of you at Sunday School

Prayerfully,

Arch
Pastor and Teacher

A Celebration of Life for
Thomas Daniel Sutton
January 26, 1917 to June 4, 2000
Delivered on June 7, 2000

Arch Aitcheson, Pastor
Elon College Community Church, U.C.C.

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What A Friend We Have . . . .

Thomas Daniel Sutton, friend of Jesus Christ, and servant of God,
Exemplified the epitome of genuine Christian humility and faithfulness.
The love of time in the garden, with interaction of the human soul and creation
Made him feel the rich oneness with his Creator and the soil's fruitfulness.

"A Farmer First" as he claimed his own eulogy - in humble truth,
Becomes the symbol of this honest, down-to-earth spiritual mentor
Who loved planting crops of the earth and crops for the Holy Spirit
In the patient manner of the ever trusting farmer and the loving pastor.

Lorine calls him "a great man" who shared with her sixty-three years
In a marriage based upon trust, mutual support, loving care and prayers.
He tried his best every day, optimistic with God's help, that he would live,
While expecting the best of others and respecting everyone as if an angel unawares.

Gospel truth was a most critical proposition for this man of God!
An open mind and heart was offered to all people regardless of race or gender,
Making Thomas a friend in Jesus and often a prophet of truth to all,
As he treated each and every human soul with a respect so wise and tender.

A tough childhood that quickly made him a patriarch to his family,
Influenced by his mother's strong Christian faith and church-going example,
Guided him with the help of his sister Marie in supporting and raising siblings,
While remaining determined to provide and survive in a fashion more than ample.

Whether he was running the farm or later, leading a Christian congregation,
Thomas tried to bring light to the troubles and conflicts to encourage or challenge.
Reliable and dependable, he provided for his family and church community
In ways that made everyone feel safe and secure in his determined courage.

Brenda, Barbara and Eugene were nurtured and taught by his example.
Lectures in his study, complete with the wisdom of scripture readings,
Brought home lessons of responsibility and the division of right from wrong,
Teaching a healthy discipline that would prove to be a gift of life-leading.

Breakfast fixed for scurrying children preparing for a day at school,
Or the glass of orange juice handed to his beloved teacher-wife,
Portrayed his gentle concern, his love of family and his joy in service.
He, too, was beloved by his family and by those touched by his pastoral life.

Words in french and wonderful stories of his experience day by day
And times spent racing for last minute school supplies or new resources
Were given without hesitation as a loving and dedicated response to those he loved
As he undergirded their need for education and to do their best in courses.

Education was the undergirding of the best form of Christian mission!
Thomas worked himself through Elon College, Wake Forest and Duke,
And he supported siblings, children and encouraged grandchildren
To strive for all that could be learned each day, without refute!

Thomas Sutton shaped lives, with God's help, by his constant, prayerful trust,
Giving of himself without question to the human soul whatever their need.
Whether he traveled three hundred miles to a hurting hospitalized friend
Or was trapped in a hospital bed himself, Christ would be perceived!

Music filled his soul at worship or in the wee hours of the new morn,
As he would play the piano with fervor and would sing, awakening all
To the joy of his spirited soul, the calming influence of his faith,
Because his life was so full of God's hope, love and disciple's call!

This farmer and pastor, husband, father, grandfather and friend
Smiles upon us still with his tender blessings and heartfelt love,
As today we celebrate his life and remember his undying spirit
Of the man we honor, respect, remember and release to his Creator above.

We have had a friend in Jesus who bore our grief and pain,
Whose love is linked in Christ and remains in hearts Thomas touched.
God has blessed a great man and shared the gifts of that life with us,
So that we can rejoice in our grief and live beyond the tears so rough.

Jesus, his personal friend, has claimed Thomas to be his own
As we cherish this day the many ways in Jesus, Thomas Daniel Sutton has grown.

Did You Consider This, God?

Have you ever tried to convince God He should see a situation from your point of view? My guess is we all have at some point in our lives. The LORD sees problems from every conceivable angle and He knows the perfect solution. We often think we know how best to solve a problem, so we simply want the LORD to give us His blessing. He knew each of us before we were born. He has already mapped out a perfect plan for our lives. To follow that divine plan, we only need to seek His will and obey what the LORD instructs us to do. Sometimes, the most important thing we need to do is be patient and wait on God's will.

> ***The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.*** **(Psalm 111:10 NRSV)**

My wife will tell you patience is something very foreign to me, but thank God, I am improving. It is never easy to wait. We live in a society that demands and often produces instant results. Overnight mail, fax machines, and e-mail have spoiled us. I am younger than most of my business associates, but I can remember the time before fax machines. I do not remember how business was conducted, but I know tasks were accomplished. My point is we sometimes need to loosen up and enjoy the moment.

Do not try to rush God. You will only frustrate yourself. God wants you to have faith in His will and timing for your life. We may think a quick fix is all the situation requires. The challenge before you may turn out to be one of life's greatest lessons. We need to ask the LORD to reveal to us what we are supposed to be learning from the experience. God wants us to grow closer to Him by having the faith to believe that His will is perfect.

> ***My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy. [3]because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; [4]and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.*** **(James 1:2-4 NRSV)**

So, take a few moments each day to enjoy the moment. Pray often, and remain faithful that God knows what he is doing.

> ***O LORD, You have searched me and known me. [4]Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, You know it completely. [5]You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.*** **(Psalm 139:1, 4-5 NRSV)**

Keep this verse of Scripture in mind as you go about your daily life. ***The God who has girded me with strength has opened wide my path.*** **(II Samuel 22:33 NRSV)**

May God Bless You!

Tom Email: trsmall1@yahoo.com

August Devotion

By Tom Small

August 20 is Football Sunday!!

Help Welcome the 2000 Elon College Football Team by being a Sponsor at Worship

All sponsors are invited to join the players for lunch in the Parish House immediately following worship.

Fill out and drop in the offering plate on or before Sunday, August 13

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________________Yes! I will be a sponsor on Football Sunday

Name: ____

______________ Number attending lunch

Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
Board of Missions
13 June 2000

Our Co-Chair, Lewis Wilkins, reported the discussion at last Saturday's breakfast meeing of Church Board and other leaders with Moderator Ray Covington concerning the reluctance of our members to participate in carrying on the work of the Church. The need is great and the volunteers are few. It was the concensus of opinion that an interim staff member should be employed while the search for a permanent choice is in progress. George Troxler, Chairman of the Search Committee, has scheduled a meeting for June 19th to analyze the information obtained at the meetings of the Church membership, which were well attended, and to propose a job description for consideration by the Council and for presentation at a special meeting of the congregation to be called thereafter.

Plans are being made for presentation to Paul Cheek of a citation expressing appreciation for his long service as our Church's Coordinator of the Homeless Shelter program. Professor Robert Vick is our new Coordinator. The Women's Fellowship is contributing and it is expected that Lewis Wilkins will make the presentation during the eleven o'clock service at a date to be set.

A summer picnic at The Lodge, formerly known as Moonelon, was discussed. George Troxler has used the premises for Scout activities and will check to see if a reservation for our Church might be obtained in July. The preferred dates are July 16th, 23rd and 30th, all Sundays. There are no kitchen facilities but the shelter is there, though the swimming pool is no more, and it is believed that a late afternoon ice cream social, games for the children, and maybe guitar playing and singing would be enjoyable. Plans will be made if The Lodge can be reserved.

Co-Chair Katherine Floyd said that used special event postage stamps, such as Christmas, other celebrations and celebrities, are in demand by collectors world-wide. If you have any she will be happy to have them. The money raised has been and will be used to allievate hunger throughout the world.

D Marsh McLelland
For The Board

Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
Board of Missions
11 July 2000

Helen Rippy's pleas for replenishing the shelves of the ECCC Pantry were so effective, or the Church members were so generous, or both, that we now have a plague of plenty. The shelves are groaning and the goodies are growing older and somewhere there are bound to be needs going unmet. When the Pastor has a free minute, and he has very vew, it is hoped that some proposals for expansion of our congregational generosity may be presented for his consideration, such as Loaves and Fishes, Meals on Wheels, Dominican Relief through Heal The Children, aid to several African nations through World Council of Churches, and the like. Sadly, overseas relief is often frustrated by the levy of customs duties on incoming shipments to people who are too poor to pay. That impasse is sometimes solved, says Kathy Covington, by appealing to the right officials or through transportation of gifts by sympathetic travelers.

The Board expressed thanks to Kathy Covington for her presentation of the Church's Citation to Paul Cheek for his long service as coordinator of the Homeless Shelter Program.

Plans for the summer Ice Cream Social at the Lodge, formerly Moonelon, could not be implemented because debris from the May storm has not been cleared away. But the event will be held on the Church lawn near the Parish House next Sunday, July 16th, or in the Parish House if the weather makes that necessary. Several members have agreed to bring their freezers packed with homemade ice cream and there should be plenty for all.

The very knowledgeable members of the Board of Missions discussed many other matters of need in the hope that solutions will be found.

D Marsh McLelland
For The Board

ay 25 Storm

he May 25 wind storm caused a lot of damage to trees on the church lot. mong the trees damaged was the giant white oak just east of the parking t south of the Church. This tree came down and severely damaged the agnolia near Williamson Avenue. Harvey Hook did the counting and eported that the white oak was 188 years old.

'e are all deeply grateful to the College for assisting us in removing the ees which were down because of the storm.

August 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
		1 7:00p Circle 3	2 8:
6 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship DEACON-ON-CALL BARRY RAKER 584-7725	7 8:00a Communion 10:30a Circle 1 7:30p Circle 2	8 7:00p PFLAG 7:30p Shelter Night	9 8:
13 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:30p Church Nite DEACON-ON-CALL BILL RUTH 584-4619	14	15 NOON TORCH DEADLINE	16
20 FOOTBALL SUNDAY 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Noon Luncheon DEACON-ON-CALL MARTIN SHOTZBERGER 584-7415	21 8:00a Communion 7:00p Stephens Ministry Trng	22	23
27 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship DEACON-ON-CALL NELL SNYDER 584-6247	28 8:00a Communion	29	30

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 8:00a Communion 7:30p Shelter Meal (Circle 1/Oxford)	5
10	11 8:00a Communion	12
17	18 8:00a Communion	19
24	25 8:00a Communion	26
31		

Dear Arch and Congregation,

I am writing you this letter the night before the second pre-camp week begin This seems to be the only time I have had to write this letter...but that is a good thing!! :) the first week was awesome! The campers and my fellow staff members alike are so wonderful. It amazes me that this is only the beginning of the summe This past week felt like a full summer and it seems like I have know this staff for s long. For our worship on Tuesday we did a skit of the prodigal son to the song "The Boxer" by Simon and Garfunkel. It is so neat. It starts out with a son leavin his father and he meets two men of the world along the road and he joins them. The father is then beaten and whipped. The son next meets two prostitutes and again sees the men of the world. The four people take his jacket, puts a heavy bag on the son's back, puts chains around his neck, smear his face and arms with mud and finally has his eyes are smeared with mud to blind him. Then his father is nailed to the cross in the same manner Jesus was. The son now sets out, blindly, searching for his father. Along with the song the father says, "I am leaving. And then dies. The son finds his father dead and falls to his knees crying. Net the father "awakens", comes down from the cross and takes the chains and bag off the son, washes him, and puts a robe around him. The stand and hug and walk off together as the music ends. Oh I wish you could see it, my writing it does not beg to describe it.

During the pre-camp week last camp week, I visited a lady to see if she had work the campers could do. She was amazing! She was confined to her bed and a wheelchair because she only had one leg, and she had over 40 operations in the pa 5 years. But her faith remained. Physically, she needed her ceiling painted. But all she really wanted was someone to pray with her. She told me, and the other staff member I was with, she didn't care if we came back and painted her ceiling a she really wanted was for us to worship with her. So when the campers came, a group went out there and painted her ceiling. But they also prayed with her, sang with her, and read The Bible with her. The had church with her, and that is what they were really sent out there for.

All is going well here. I deeply thank all of you for your many contributions to this mission. I hope the youth group had an even more amazing and spiritual time at camp McCall, than I am here. Because that is what this camp is for, for them and the people we (and they) serve! I am looking forward to this next week s much. There is no where else I would rather be. And I wish all of you could experience the power of God at CCC! Thank you for making all of this possible.

Sincerely, Kim Acquilano 6/27/00

You Have My Place

e day, a man went to visit a ch. He arrived early, parked car, and got out. Another car ed up near him, and the driver d him, "I always park there. You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for day School, found an empty at, and sat down. A young from the church approached and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat ressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the isitor went into the church sanctuary and sat down. nother member walked up to him and said, "That's ere I always sit. You took y place!" The visitor was ven more troubled by this tment, but still said nothing.

er, as the congregation was raying for Christ to dwell ong them, the visitor stood, d his appearance began to ge. Horrible scars became sible on his hands and on his sandaled feet.

eone from the congregation ticed him and called out, What happened to you?" e visitor replied, "I took your place."

Congratulations

JOE DAVIS has been promoted from Media Production Specialist to **COORDINATOR OF MEDIA TECHNOOGY AND SERVICES** at Elon College. He will coordinate classroom technical support, special event set-up, in-house media production, media equipment circulation, and supervise all media services staff. **RAY COVINGTON** has been promoted from Director of Planned Giving to **ASSISTANT VICE CHANCELLOR FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT** at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Archie B. Aitcheson,

I would like to thank you and the Elon College Community Church for selecting me to receive a scholarship for Fall '99 and Spring '00 semesters at Elon. I am very grateful that I was considered and that I have support in my continuing education. This scholarship will allow me to not only finish my degree at Elon College, but allow me to receive instruction outside of the college program. I have studied with some of the most talented and successful musicians in the surrounding areas and will continue to do so until I begin a graduate program in the Northeast. Thank you again for your support. It is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Brad Linde

To My Church Family:

In a recent sermon, Arch related how he had learned from Mark Danieley that a single oak tree would fall in a strong storm but those standing in a forest would remain upright and strong because each was protected and sheltered by the others. During Jack's illness and following his death you have been the forest that has kept me upright and strong--you have been "the church."

Thank you all for the calls, visits, cards, notes of encouragement, prayers and hospital lunches. I am grateful for each and every one of you, for my Stephen Minister and for our Pastor. I request your continued prayers.

In Love,

Norma Watson

We are grateful for the cards, calls, notes, visits, and gifts of food which we have received from many of you since Wes's death. Your expressions of love have helped sustain us during this difficult time. The bountiful lunch provided by the church friends was a blessing for us and our large extended family. You are truly a congregation of caring people. Thank you.

Jane Alexander,
Emily and Jane Hart

To everyone who contributed to exam packs this semester:
Thank you so much - I appreciate all of your time and energy getting mine in the mail! I have finally graduated - Yahoo!! And I will always remember everyone who kept me in their thoughts throughout my college years.

Much happiness to all ~
Rachael Shoffner

To the congregation at Elon College Community Church,
Thank you once more for the exam care package! I truly do appreciate the care and thoughtfulness taken in doing this every semester (as I'm sure all the recipients do!). I am very grateful for your support of me through the years and think of everyone often.

Sincerely,
Heidi Troxler

Nine Webelos Scouts and six leaders from our Cub Scout pack attended Webelos residen camp at Woodfield Scout Preservation, July 8 – 13. Those attending were Mathew Bare, Tony Bejos, David Brenner, Bradley Brenner, Jordan Emond, Kevin Emond, Philip Fox, Cody Meredith, and Rob Stowe. The leaders attending were Miguel Bejos, Jeff Brenner, Jody Emond, Kelly and Mark Johnson, and George Troxler. Sarah Bragg is for the second year a member of the summer camp staff.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

DEAR FRIENDS,

THANK EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR ME DURING MY ILLNESSES AND SURGERIES THE PAST MONTHS.

THE LAST SURGERY WAS ON JUNE 8TH AND HOPEFULLY ALL THE MEDICAL PROBLEMS HAVE NOW BEEN REPAIRED.

JANE RINKER

July 9, 2000

Dear Pastor Arch and Church Family,

Thank you so very much. You all are so kind to think of me in this heat. The generous check you sent me is greatly appreciated.

I am able to run my A.C. 8-10 hrs a day. I used the money for my electric bill. I can tolerate the cool more than the heat. I cannot breath well when the humidity is high. God is so good to me through his "angels on earth" you all know who you are.

Thank you again. God Bless you!!

From the Treasurer, *Mary Mattern*

Elon College Community Church has been banking with CCB for many years. We have maintained checking and money market accounts each with balances of thousands of dollars each month. Since we are a nonprofit organization, CCB has not charged us fees on our checking account. We thank CCB for their community support of nonprofit organizations over the years.

CCB recently decided to withdraw this support. We have been charged over $50 for our checking account since April. We will continue to be charged a fee each and every month.

I have investigated our options and have found that First State Bank, which we use for our Building/Memorial Funds, will not only give us free checking but also pay interest on the checking account. We are in the process of moving all of our funds from CCB to First State Bank.

We thank First State Bank for their commitment to our community.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12) 5 MONTHS
CCB General Checking Acct
REPORT DATE: 05/31/2000

ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO (LAST
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	11,717.00	85,997.70	81,959.20	4,038.50+	202,702.00	89,
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	995.00	3,970.00	5,541.65	1,571.65	13,300.00	4,
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	.00	.00	333.35	333.35	800.00	
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	.00	62.50	62.50	150.00	1,
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	20.00	1,932.97	.00	1,932.97+	.00	2,
TOTAL Interest	.00	381.94	208.35	173.59+	500.00	
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	217.00	217.00	.00	217.00+	.00	
TOTAL INCOME	12,949.00	92,499.61	88,105.05	4,394.56+	217,452.00	99,
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	1,098.00	1,098.00	.00	1,098.00+	.00	1
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	495.00	1,175.00	780.00	395.00+	2,360.00	4
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	933.00	4,465.00	4,350.00	115.00+	10,900.00	6,
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	.00	164.00	767.75	603.75	2,470.00	1,
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	160.00	335.00	1,397.90	1,062.90	3,225.00	5,
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	169.56	571.19	83.00	488.19+	300.00	2
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	321.03	1,141.65	2,241.00	1,099.35	5,725.00	1,
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	10,092.63	63,993.87	70,647.35	6,653.48	170,172.00	58,
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	2,523.99	17,547.89	19,082.70	1,534.81	48,120.00	21,
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	.00	1,128.49	.00	1,128.49+	.00	1,
TOTAL EXPENSES	15,793.21	91,620.09	99,349.70	7,729.61	243,272.00	97,
NET TOTALS	2,844.21-	879.52				2,

Away in a manger no crib for a bed..... No we at Elon College Community Church are not REALLY getting ahead of ourselves! When Arch returned from the Dominican he spoke about an orphanage with 45 children who had very little but the children were healthy and cared for. The popular phrase that it takes a village to raise a child is not quite true - it takes a world to raise a child and we can help. We will be getting information about the children and soon you will see a Christmas tree in the narthex. The tree will have suggestions of things which we could send to the Dominican for the children who reside in that orphanage. There is a means to send the items so that we can be assured that the children will receive the items. By starting early we can see that these kids have a great Christmas and we can help to meet many of their needs.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12) 6 MONTHS
ALL FUNDS & DEPTS
REPORT DATE: 06/30/2000

NT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
INCOME	14,269.00	100,266.70	98,351.04	1,915.66+	202,702.00	101,754.04
RENTAL INCOME	975.00	4,945.00	6,649.98	1,704.98	13,300.00	5,970.00
OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
SALES TAX REFUND	.00	.00	400.02	400.02	800.00	.00
VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
GENERAL REFUNDS	15.79	15.79	75.00	59.21	150.00	1,287.07
SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	30.00	1,962.97	.00	1,962.97+	.00	2,891.52
Interest	2.76	384.70	250.02	134.68+	500.00	400.30
Misc. Income Accts	.00	217.00	.00	217.00+	.00	980.01
INCOME	15,292.55	107,792.16	105,726.06	2,066.10+	217,452.00	113,282.94
S						
SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	.00	1,098.00	.00	1,098.00+	.00	143.00
LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	.00	1,175.00	780.00	395.00+	2,360.00	425.00
OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	833.00	5,298.00	5,280.00	18.00+	10,900.00	7,690.00
WORSHIP EXPENSES	100.00	264.00	921.30	657.30	2,470.00	1,753.03
MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	667.86	1,002.86	1,607.48	604.62	3,225.00	6,518.41
EVANGELISM EXPENSES	.00	571.19	199.60	371.59+	300.00	253.76
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	285.48	1,427.13	2,889.20	1,462.07	5,725.00	1,648.50
SALARY EXPENSES	13,102.17	77,096.04	84,776.82	7,680.78	170,172.00	74,342.75
Facility Operation Exp.	4,249.79	21,797.68	23,539.24	1,741.56	48,120.00	24,539.52
Misc Expense Accts	.00	1,128.49	.00	1,128.49+	.00	1,120.34
EXPENSES	19,238.30	110,858.39	119,993.64	9,135.25	243,272.00	118,434.31
OTALS	3,945.75-	3,066.23-				5,151.37-

CLE 3 WILL MEET TUESDAY, AUGUST 1
:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY.

~ MELVA FOSTER

SUMMER ADDRESS (JUN-OCT):
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AQUINNAH, MA 02535

TREASURER'S REPORT 5/31/00

GENERAL FUND

	Annual Budget	Monthly	Actual to date 5/31/00	Budget to date 5/31/00	
Income	$217,452.00	$18,121.00	$92,499.61	$88,105.05	$4,394
Expenses	$243,272.00	$20,272.67	$91,620.09	$99,349.70	($7,729
Deficit( )	($25,820.00)	($2,151.67)	**$879.52**	($11,244.65)	
DEFICIT STATUS As of 5/31/00	($10,758.33)		$879.52		**($9,878.**

Funds on hand	5/31/00	Funds on hand	12/31/99
Checking	$5,733.66	Checking	$3,697.43
Money Market	$1,280.03	Money Market	$1,272.10
Total	$7,013.69	Total	$4,969.53
Designated/Liabilities	$25,817.42	Designated/Liabilities	$24,652.78
Actual on hand	($18,803.73)	Actual on hand	($19,683.25)
Reserve	$11,480.66	Reserve	$11,980.66
Bld Fund Loan	$0.00		$0.00
Net Available	**($7,323.07)**	Net Available	**($7,702.59)**

OBLIGATIONS NOT PAID TO DATE:

TOTAL NOT PAID: **$0.00**

BUILDING\MEMORIAL FUNDS

	5/31/00		
Building Fund	$10,493.16	Checking	$325.10
Capital Fund Drive '96	$1,959.49	Money Market	$24,225.71
Steeple Repair Fund	($5,788.67)	Certificate of Deposit	$11,187.55
New Fellowship Bld	$10,755.22		
Interest Received	$3,841.07	Total	$35,738.36
Interest Paid	($4,305.00)		
Other Memorials	$18,783.09	Anonymous Loan	$0.00
Total	**$35,738.36**	Net Available	**$35,738.36**

Notes: Negative or deficits amounts are shown as ( )

TREASURER'S REPORT 6/30/00

ENERAL FUND

	Annual Budget	Monthly	Actual to date 6/30/00	Budget to date 6/30/00	
come	$217,452.00	$18,121.00	$107,792.16	$105,726.06	$2,066.10
penses	$243,272.00	$20,272.67	$110,858.39	$119,993.64	($9,135.25)
ficit( )	($25,820.00)	($2,151.67)	**($3,066.23)**	($14,267.58)	
EFICIT STATUS As of 6/30/00	($12,910.00)		($3,066.23)		**($15,976.23)**

nds on hand	6/30/00	Funds on hand	12/31/99
ecking CCB	$1,158.50	Checking	$3,697.43
ecking 1ST State	$2,469.13	Money Market	$1,272.10
tal	$3,627.63	Total	$4,969.53
signated/Liabilities	$26,377.11	Designated/Liabilities	$24,652.78
tual on hand	($22,749.48)	Actual on hand	($19,683.25)
serve	$11,081.90	Reserve	$11,980.66
d Fund Loan	$0.00		$0.00
t Available	**($11,667.58)**	Net Available	**($7,702.59)**

LIGATIONS NOT PAID TO DATE:

TOTAL NOT PAID: $0.00

UILDING\MEMORIAL FUNDS

	6/30/00		
ilding Fund	$10,499.16	Checking	$328.36
pital Fund Drive '96	$1,959.49	Money Market	$26,758.59
eple Repair Fund	($5,178.67)	Certificate of Deposit	$11,187.55
w Fellowship Bld	$10,755.22		
erest Received	$3,953.21	Total	$38,274.50
erest Paid	($4,305.00)		
her Memorials	$20,591.09	Anonymous Loan	$0.00
Total	**$38,274.50**	Net Available	**$38,274.50**

tes: Negative or deficits amounts are shown as ( )

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To:

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for August
Aug 6 - Mrs. Patricia Woody
Aug 13 - Rev. and Mrs. John Truitt
Aug 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilkins
Aug 27 - Mr. and Mrs. Gayland Welborn

Ushers for August
Aug 4 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Aug 13 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry, Helmut Vogg, Linda Vogg
Aug 20 - Bill Beyer, Bill Ruth, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Aug 27 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler

Acolytes for August
Aug 4 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley
Aug 13 - Jeff Wilkins, III/Zach Welborn
Aug 20 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
Aug 27 - Anna Wilkins/Laura Brown

Bread Ministry /Lemonade
Aug 7 - Linda Vogg
Aug 13 - Verona Danieley
Aug 20 - Football Sunday
Aug 27 - Bekah Davis

Greeters for August
Aug 4 - Paul & Ruth Cheek
Aug 13 - Warren & Virginia Jeffreys
Aug 20 - Robert & Margaret Smith
Aug 27 - William & Susan Menikheim

Bulletin Board Update for August
1st Week - Wally Snyder
2nd Week - Dave Turnage
3rd Week - Olga Griswold
4th Week - Linda Vogg

Nursery for August
Aug 4 - Maxine & Miranda Rich
Aug 13 - Cile & Claire Welborn
Aug 20 - Heidi Danieley/Olga Griswold
Aug 27 - Carol & George Oakley

Liturgists for August
Aug 6 - Tom Conally
Aug 13 - Olga Griswold
Aug 20 - Linda Raker
Aug 27 - Ray Covington

Second Hour Child Care for August
Aug 4 - Jimma Causey/Katrina Chappell
Aug 13 - Marie & Anna Wilkins
Aug 20 - Christy & David Ruth
Aug 27 - Kim & Steve Perry

Church Attendance for

Jun 4 - 167	Jul 2 - 123
Jun 11 - 109	Jul 9 - 125
Jun 18 - 129	Jul 16 - 132
Jun 25 - 146	Jul 23 - 151

THE TORCH

September 2000

From the Pastor . . . Why Support Christian Education?

☺ Children who have had regular training in their faith traditions become young adults who have healthy values and positive attitudes.

☺ Children who attend classes of instruction and worship WITH their parents are more likely to develop skills that allow them to face life's challenges with a minimum of distress.

☺ Youth who are actively involved in faith learning and faith fellowship groups are least likely to demonstrate violent behavior against their peers or others.

☺ Children who are taught by caring adults and are exposed to the stories and teachings of their faith tradition develop a faith resource that guides them throughout life.

☺ Persons young and old who regularly attend classes of instruction and worship find support and encouragement and feel more a part of the faith community.

☺ Persons young and old who regularly participate in a spiritual community are known to heal faster from medical problems.

☺ All followers of Christ have been commissioned to baptize and TEACH the Gospel by the authority Jesus has given us.

☺ Learning does not stop at a particular age. God's Word brings new insights to us at every reading. Studying with others expands the learning possibility!

Why is this important information?

There is room for everyone in the learning process your Christian Education Board and Church leadership has prepared for you. Your pastor challenges you to participate. Bring yourself, your children, your grandchildren and invited neighbors and friends to the program that begins a new adventure in learning for the new century.

On September 10 at the eleven o'clock service we will dedicate teachers and introduce the variety of classes available. You and yours will have the opportunity to register for classes. We hope you will prayerfully consider active participation and faithful investment in your future and the future of our children and youth.

If you are a parent you are encouraged to make Sunday Classes a priority for your children and yourself. With multiple worship opportunities that task should be a bit easier in the 2000-2001 school year.

I look forward to seeing you at class and worship this Fall!

Prayerfully,

Arch Aitcheson
Pastor and Teacher

Minister and Deacon visiting a military cemetery viewing thousands of crosses marking graves ...

Deacon: "Where did all these dead people come from?"

Minister: "Why, they died in service."

Deacon: "Morning or evening?"

Henry Boye (c)MMI

After celebrating his 65th anniversary, a parishioner was asked by his minister, "what's the secret that helped you stay married so long?"

"The first rule", he answered, "is to love your partner. The second rule is if a married couple have an argument, the wife should always have the last word. If the husband has the last word, that's the start of another argument."

Henry Boye (c)MMI

Faith in God

Do you believe in God? I hope you do. I wish everyone did. The world would be a more peaceful place. But in this imperfect world, there have always been unbelievers and there will always be until the Day of Judgment.

> *For it is written,* [in Isaiah 45:23] *"As I live, says the LORD, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."* (Romans 14:11 NRSV)

I sometimes wonder how many people confess that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior, but only on Sundays. So many people are God-loving and God-fearing Christians only for an hour or so Sunday morning. The other 167 hours of the week they think God is not watching and listening. Be assured God knows all. He sees all and often He sees a bunch of sinners who feel no need to repent of their sins. I believe God does not just want us in church Sunday morning. He wants us to walk daily with Him. He wants to know we are faithful to Him and His Word.

When we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, the Father forgives our sins, but He expects us to become something new. We become children of God and as such, many things are expected of us.

> *But now you must get rid of all such things- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. [9]Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices [10]and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.* (Colossians 3:8-10 NRSV)

> *We know that our old self was crucified with Him* [Christ] *so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.* (Romans 6:6 NRSV)

Once we confess our sins to God, He forgives us through His never-ending grace. But we are not done. God expects us to turn from sin. While in this world, we will never be able to escape sin completely, but we can improve from our former lives.

> The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, [4]they said to Him [Jesus] "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. [5]Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" [7]When they kept on questioning Him, He straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." [8]And once again He bent down and wrote on the ground. [9]When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before Him. [10]Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" [11]She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go you way, and from now on do not sin again." (John 8:3-5, 7-11 NRSV)

Keep this verse of Scripture in mind as you go about your daily life. *The God who has girded me with strength has opened wide my path.* (II Samuel 22:33 NRSV)

May God Bless You!

Tom
Email: trsmall1@yahoo.com

Sept. Devotion by Tom Small

No Directions . . .Just A Journey

Quiet soul sits by the mountain stream as cold water rushes by;
Solitude and companionship with God's creation combine
As hands on the fishing pole seek to reel in the marvelous trout
As the Spirit's breeze happily touches him spirit, body and mind!

Industrious soul pours over the accounting charts and copious papers;
Satisfaction and purpose meet in the completion of a report
As a sharp mind puts facts above the illusions of financial fiction
As the Creator's love securely guides him with masterful support!

An ordinary soul enjoys the simple pleasures of life's harvest;
Friendship and Love's companionship brighten this traveler's day
As he makes his own mark on the world around him and laughs
While a Savior embraces this soul firmly and guides him in heaven's way!

Dedicated to James W. Griswold
August 13, 2000 by Arch Aitcheson

Stewardship

"The first question of stewardship, for the Church, is about mission. God's Church is called into existence to make a difference in a sinful and rebellious world. To accomplish this, the Church must be steward of what He has given to fulfill its mission. He equips His Church to do His mission. But our first task is to be faithful stewards of what He has given!"

'*Stewardship Is More Than Time, Talent, And Things*' by C. Neil Strait
(c)1993 Beacon Hill Press, KC MO, ISBN 083-411-4585

Join the Church Family

If you have been a part of our worship and program and have not yet joined Elon College Community Church, we invite you to join this United Church of Christ covenanted community!

A New Members Session will beheld on Sunday Evening Sept. 24 in the Church Library (Level 1 Christian Ed Building) at 7:30 p.m.

New Members will be received on October 1, 2000 at the Morning Services.

Let us know if you will attend on 9/24!

Telephone 584-0391 or

E-mail eccc-ucc@mindspring.com

Holy Communion and Prayer

Every Tuesday and Thursday at Noon

In the Prayer Room
Second Floor
Room 203

Everyone is Welcome!

Attention Parents of Children & Youth

We need your help and support! Your Pastor and Christian Education Leaders with the help of over thirty volunteer teachers have invested themselves in providing a quality Sunday Church School program for 2000–2001.

Each person has made a one year commitment to bring the biblical story and its meaning to your family.

We cannot accomplish this without your support. We need you to invest with us in this important ministry for the children and youth of the new century.

Help by bringing your family to one of our worship services and to Sunday Church School Classes.

Be on time. Classes begin at 10 a.m.

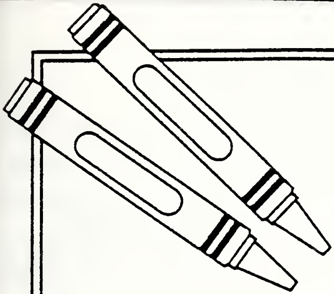
Call teachers if you will be away or your child is ill. Planning and preparing for class is difficult when people do not show up on Sunday mornings.

Come to an adult class yourself to set a good example! There are three opportunities to choose from! Offer to help your child's teachers.

Pray for all who serve in this ministry!

Thanks for your support!

Pastor Arch



Just for Kids

2 Timothy 3:16-17

The books and subjects that we study in school prepare us for our futures and our lives. Studying the Bible is important also. Find what Paul wrote to his young helper, Timothy.

First write a word to fit each definition. Then transfer the letters to the lines below.

Definition	Letters
Printed and bound sheets of paper	_1 _2 _3 _4
They form the alphabet	_5 _6 _7 _8 _9 _10 _11
One who is learning	_12 _13 _14 _15 _16 _17 _18
A small test	_19 _20 _21 _22
A group of relatives	_23 _24 _25 _26 _27 _28
To offer something	_29 _30 _31 _32
Glad	_33 _34 _35 _36 _37
Group who works together	_38 _39 _40 W 41

“ 24 5 27   11 38 10 26 35 7 14 10 6   21 11   29 2 15 -

1 10 9 24 18 33 6 15   24 17 15   21 12

20 11 40 23 14 27   23 3 10   13 16 24 38 33 21 17 29 ,

39 9 1 14 4 21 17 29 ,   38 2 10 10 40 38 8   21 17 29

34 17 15   7 10 24 21 17 21 17 29   26 17

39 30 29 33 8 9 3 14 11 17 32 12 11 .”

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Special Congregational Meetings
July 30, 2000 - Minutes

PART A: A special meeting of the membership of the Elon College Community Church was held following the early church service on Sunday, July 30, 2000. The meeting was called to order in the sanctuary at 9:25 a.m., by the moderator, Ray Covington. Twenty-four members were present.

The Rev. Arch Aitcheson offered the invocation. The moderator explained the purpose of the meeting: to receive and react to the proposed job description and budgetary requirements involved in adding a person as the Associate Minister of the Church. Committee members George Troxler, Sue Shipley, and Mark Danieley were present. [Copies of both documents attached]

George Troxler described the work which had been done by the committee. Three focus group luncheons involving 180 church members were held in April and May. The committee used the input from these meetings in developing the job description copies of which were mailed to the congregation.

It was explained that if the congregation approves, there will be a meeting with a representative of the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. The church profile will be prepared and we will begin to advertise and seek nominations for the position.

Discussion: Bill Rippy expressed concern about the heavy load which the pastor has and the need to provide assistance; Ray Covington stated that the Church Council has approved employing an interim part-time staff person while the search is underway; Dave Turnage expressed support of the proposal; Sue Shipley cautioned that we are not expecting to get someone to do every-thing but to help to lead us in doing what needs to be done; Beth Wilkins pointed to need to work with the young families who are now coming to church; the relation to the Stephen Ministry program was explained; and Bill Ruth spoke to the budgetary consequences of adding the staff position.

It was VOTED (Earl Danieley) to approve the job description as presented and to pledge our support of the proposed program. There were no dissenting votes. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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PART B: A special meeting of the congregation of the Elon College Community Church was held following the 11:00 a.m. church service on Sunday, July 30, 2000. The meeting was called to order in the sanctuary at 12:02 p.m. by the moderator, Ray Covington. Fifty-five members were present.

The Rev. Arch Aitcheson offered the invocation. The moderator explained the purpose of the meeting: to receive and to react to the proposed job description and budgetary requirements involved in adding a person as the Associate Minister of the Church. Committee members George Troxler, Sue Shipley, Marsh McLelland, and Mark Danieley were present. [Copies of both documents are attached.]

George Troxler described the work which had been done by the committee. Three focus group luncheons involving 180 church members were held in April and May. The committee used the input from these meetings in developing the job description, copies of which were mailed to the congregation. The committee decided to recommend the use of the name, "Associate Minister", and to suggest that the person have seminary training and be ordained. He explained that after congregational approval the committee will meet with a representative of the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. In the meantime a church profile will be prepared and it will be used in advertising and seeking applicants for the position.

Discussion: John Truitt noted the provision for a reserve fund for a sabbatical; Roberta Starr noted that this fund should not be listed as salary; Truitt also noted that we might want to use the terms 'in consultation with the Pastor'; W. J. Andes noted the need for an evangelism emphasis.

It was VOTED (E. Danieley) to approve the job description as presented and to pledge our support of the proposed program. There were no dissenting votes. The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Minutes for Parts A & B of the congregational meeting were taken and transcribed by Earl Danieley.

Earl Danieley

Earl Danieley, Secretary Pro Tem

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	

September 2000

> Life is what you make it until someone comes along and makes it worse.
>
> Henry Boye (c)MMI

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3 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship DEACON-ON-CALL JACKIE MATLOCK 584-7961	**4** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY 10:30a Circle 1 7:30p Circle 2 	**5** Noon Communion 7:30p Circle 3	**6**
10 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Noon Potluck Luncheon 6:30p Youth United 6:30p Church Nite DEACON-ON-CALL LYNN DENNY 292-0786	**11**	**12** Noon Communion NOON TORCH DEADLINE	**13**
17 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:30p Youth United DEACON-ON-CALL KAY HENSLEY 584-4619	**18** National Singles Week Sept 17-23, 2000	**19** Noon Communion	**20**
24 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:30p Youth United 7:30p New Members Session DEACON-ON-CALL STEVE PERRY 449-7668	**25** 7:00p Stephens Ministry Trng	**26** Noon Communion	**27**

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
o e !!	**1** **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**	**2**
7 **Noon Communion**	**8** **7:30p Shelter Meal (Deacons/Ruth)**	**9**
14 **Noon Communion**	**15**	**16**
21 **Noon Communion**	**22**	**23**
28 **Noon Communion**	**29** **ELON'S FAMILY WEEKEND**	**30**

Jack Flynn (c)MMI

HOLYROOD
HOLY CROSS DAY - SEPTEMBER 14, 2000

Autumn
Begins September 22, 2000

Dear Arch, Church Family and Friends,

Thank you so very much for the opportunity to attend the Stephen Ministry Leaders Training in Baltimore, Maryland. It was a wonderfu opportunity to learn and share experiences with others in Christ. I was truly set at ease when I arrived there for training, being the only one representing our church, when a lady came up to me and invited me to s at their table. From that moment on, I realized that I belonged there, an the Lord sent me there for a purpose. I had an opportunity to share ano meet some wonderful caring people from all over the United States and Canada. I would recommend this training session to anyone wishing to b a Stephens Minister, I gained so much valuable information, as well as, having the opportunity to do some soul searching.

Also, I would like to thank everyone for the lovely basket of flowers. received from the church made my day, and I greatly appreciate them. I made me realize that our church family is just that..."a church family." I was delighted to receive them! Needless to say, I shared them with the other participants who I sat with during training, and offered them to th lady that sat beside me from Virginia to take home to finish enjoying.

Thank you again for the opportunity and may God Bless you all !!

Tina Wright-Wood

Dear ECCC friends,

Your presence, support, prayers, and love have been vital to the peace and growth of my ministry the past several years. Words fail to express my gratitude for all you have done and all you are to me. For all of the work and support for my Divinity school years, I thank you. I pray our paths will cross often as we are in ministry together is this part of the country for the United Church of Christ. May God bless each one of you with much love and happiness - as I have been blessed by each of you.

In Christ's Peace,
Heather Dillashaw

July 26, 2000

Dear Church family,

My name is Sandy Byrd and I have been on your prayer list sometime over the last 9 months. In November I was diagnosed with colon cancer. I had surgery and in December I was told that it had spread to my liver. I underwent chemotherapy and was told that I would need surgery in April. I went to Chapel Hill in March to complete tests and prepare for surgery. The doctor here, told me a good report would be if there was no new growth. A great report would be if we could tell the area was responding slightly to the 12 treatments I had already had. My doctor came to me with a surprised and questioning face to tell me "Well, the second spot is questionable if it is even there, and the first spot has reduced from 20 millimeters to 8 millimeters. I can't explain such good progress" I can! It is the Lord's healing and it is because of your prayers and your faith that God would answer those prayers. You continued to pray and you continued to believe. Thank you. God has blessed my life by healing this illness. I did not have to get surgery in April. I have had 12 more treatments which I just finished up Thursday July 20th. I am to go back to Chapel Hill on Monday July 31st to have an MRI which will show what my liver looks like now. The doctors have not said I am healed but I feel the healing just as I felt the prayers while people were praying for me. I am sharing my faith with you because I believe so often that we fail to recognize that prayers are answered. We so often hear of a situation and we think, on how horrible and we just write it off as hopeless. With God all things are possible. Even the things that are too big for man to control. God has sent a peace and a reassurance to me about my test results even though they have not been made yet.

When Daniel was placed in the Lion's Den, to the human understanding he would be eaten by the lions. But God used that situation to show others that His power is greater than our understanding. Sometimes we are chosen by God (what an Honor) to show His mighty works in action.

Thank you for your prayers, please continue to remember me and my family. May God continue to bless your church and your witness of His healing power.

In Christ's Love,

Sandy Byrd

Dear Church Family,

The beautiful purple and yellow cut flower arrangement sent to me after my July 12 surgery stayed on our dining room table almost two weeks What a wonderful addition it was to our dining room! At each meal, it reminded me of all your prayers for my recovery and of my blessing in being a part of the ECCC fellowship. I look forward to returning "full strength" to our handbell program.

Love in Christ, Betty Dillashaw

Dear Preacher Arch,
We were deeply touched for what you and your church people have done for mom Eva, we all cried Sat. when she opened your letter and driving down the road, me and her cried...Jay did too. But then I had to pray and thank our Lord for answering prayer. For wonderful caring and loving members you have, I prayed God will Bless you a hundred fold and more. I can't tell you how much we appreciate you for what you have done for mom, I thank God for you all standing in support and love and helping her out. Your love is unconditional. Arch you touched our hearts, we see Jesus through you. With our love and grateful hearts.

Love in Christ,
Linda and Jay Privette

"Giving of ourselves and our resources is being what we were created to be."

Jeffrey H. Coors in IMPRIMIS

I will lift up my eyes unto the hills; From where does my help come? . . . .

Worship Opportunities: Fall 2000

Starting Sunday, Sept. 10
8:30 a.m. Contemporary
11:00 a.m. Traditional

Starting, Sunday September 24
8:30 a.m. , 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m Contemporary!

. . . My help comes from God, Maker of Heaven and Earth !

Jesus gave 100% to the Program!

Wouldn't he be pleased if we would give

100% of Ourselves in Worship, Sunday School, and Service?

See you on Sunday?

Wanted!

A few good souls who are willing to read scripts for Chancel Dramas at our

Contemporary & Casual Worship Services

this fall at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. services.

Acting experience is not required. A willingness to have fun and provide a meaningful worship time for others are the only prerequisites for this ministry.

Interested?

Telephone ARCH at 584-0391 or Email him at eccc-ucc@mindspring.com

Elon College Community Church
United Church Of Christ
Board Of Missions
13 August 2000

Helen Rippy, the Keeper of the Pantry, could not attend the meeting but sent word by Chairman Lewis Wilkins that the only present needs are Pasta Sauce, Coffee and Tea.

The Allied Churches Good Shepherd Community Kitchen has greater needs, however, and suggested to our Chairman that our members might want to help supply napkins, paper towels, pickle relish, mayonnaise, tea, coffee, sugar, plastic spoons and forks, vegetable spray, cheese, crackers, sectional styrofoam plates, and bowls.

The Crop Walk, an annual effort to raise funds to feed the hungry and one in which our Church has participated, is chaired this year by Griffin McClure of Graham, and is scheduled for October 7th. Walkers and sponsors are needed.

An orientation luncheon for new faculty members of the College has been scheduled for September 10th An invitation to worship at our Church, participate in its programs and join as members will be extended to them .

Pastor Aitcheson said the sound system in the Sanctuary has become inadequate and plans for upgrading it are underway.

The Board considered and recommended a fiscal budget for 2001. Under Local Mission, the line item 'Elon Homes Camp Scholarships' should be modified to strike the word 'Camp', as the Homes program no longer has that need. But as there is sometimes a need to help Church children attend camp at Blowing Rock or elsewhere, the line as modified should be retained.. Most churches in the Southern Conference include Elon College in their budgets, but Elon College Community Church does not, even though, unlike others, it receives substantial direct assistance from the College. It was recommended that a line item for Elon College be added. Under World Mission, the Board recommended eliminating the line items 'Intervarsity Christian Fellowship', 'Sim Mission Bolivia' and 'Assist Soc Evang Brazil', as those programs are otherwise provided for or no longer operative, that 'Church World Mission' be changed to 'Church World Service', and that 'UCC Retirement Homes' have added the words 'Of the Southern Conference'.

The Pastor reported a very good response to the Christmas In July program for providing new clothing and school supplies for orphanage children in the Dominican Republic.

D Marsh McLelland
For The Board

September 10, 2000
6:00 Snack Supper
6:30 Program & Meeting
In the Youth Room
2nd floor CE Building
Ed Marsh - Youth Leader
Give Youth United
A Try!
Fun, Faith and Friends!
Open to Middle & Senior Highs

TREASURER'S REPORT 7/31/00

GENERAL FUND

	Annual Budget	Monthly	Actual to date 7/31/00	Budget to date 7/31/00	
Income	$217,452.00	$18,121.00	$134,306.22	$123,347.07	$10,959
Expenses	$243,272.00	$20,272.67	$125,557.31	$140,212.58	($14,655
Deficit( )	($25,820.00)	($2,151.67)	**$8,748.91**	($16,865.51)	
DEFICIT STATUS As of 7/31/00	($15,061.67)		$8,748.91		**($6,312**

	7/31/00		12/31/99
Funds on hand		Funds on hand	
Checking CCB	$1,808.40	Checking	$3,697.43
Checking 1ST State	$11,458.53	Money Market	$1,272.10
Total	$13,266.93	Total	$4,969.53
Designated/Liabilities	$24,201.27	Designated/Liabilities	$24,652.78
Actual on hand	($10,934.34)	Actual on hand	($19,683.25)
Reserve	$11,081.90	Reserve	$11,980.66
Bld Fund Loan	$0.00		$0.00
Net Available	**$147.56**	Net Available	**($7,702.59)**

OBLIGATIONS NOT PAID TO DATE:

TOTAL NOT PAID: **$0.00**

BUILDING\MEMORIAL FUNDS

	7/31/00		
Building Fund	$10,531.16	Checking	$328.83
Capital Fund Drive '96	$1,959.49	Money Market	$35,379.93
Steeple Repair Fund	$2,431.33	Certificate of Deposit	$11,187.55
New Fellowship Bld	$10,755.22		
Interest Received	$4,031.02	Total	$46,896.31
Interest Paid	($4,305.00)		
Other Memorials	$21,493.09	Anonymous Loan	$0.00
Total	**$46,896.31**	Net Available	**$46,896.31**

Notes: Negative or deficits amounts are shown as ( )

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12) 7 MONTHS
General Fund/1st State
REPORT DATE: 07/31/2000

NT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
E						
INCOME	25,357.75	125,624.45	114,742.88	10,881.57+	202,702.00	117,099.28
RENTAL INCOME	995.00	5,940.00	7,758.31	1,818.31	13,300.00	7,020.00
OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
SALES TAX REFUND	.00	.00	466.69	466.69	800.00	.00
VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	15.79	87.50	71.71	150.00	1,287.07
SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	85.00	2,047.97	.00	2,047.97+	.00	3,620.52
Interest	76.31	461.01	291.69	169.32+	500.00	488.58
Misc. Income Accts	.00	217.00	.00	217.00+	.00	980.01
INCOME	26,514.06	134,306.22	123,347.07	10,959.15+	217,452.00	130,495.46
E						
PECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	.00	1,098.00	.00	1,098.00+	.00	143.00
OCAL MISSION OUTREACH	80.00	1,255.00	860.00	395.00+	2,360.00	425.00
THER MISSION OUTREACH	633.00	5,931.00	6,110.00	179.00	10,900.00	8,305.00
ORSHIP EXPENSES	369.48	633.48	1,494.85	861.37	2,470.00	1,753.03
USIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	350.00	1,352.86	2,167.06	814.20	3,225.00	7,218.41
VANGELISM EXPENSES	49.80	620.99	216.20	404.79+	300.00	282.26
HRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	162.10	1,589.23	3,462.40	1,873.17	5,725.00	2,287.47
ALARY EXPENSES	9,904.19	87,000.23	98,906.29	11,906.06	170,172.00	85,233.48
acility Operation Exp.	3,150.35	24,948.03	26,995.78	2,047.75	48,120.00	27,459.72
isc Expense Accts	.00	1,128.49	.00	1,128.49+	.00	1,145.34
PENSES	14,698.92	125,557.31	140,212.58	14,655.27	243,272.00	134,752.71
LS	11,815.14	8,748.91				4,257.25-

Elon College Community Church
Elon College, N. C.

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"Thou shalt not say the Lord's name in any vein seems to be the prevailing ethos at high schools and colleges all across the country."

Evan Gahr
in *The American Enterprise*
Sep/Oct 1996

Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for September
Sep 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hook
Sep 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford
Sep 17 - Dr. and Mrs. Leo Lambert
Sep 24 - Perry and Willard Families

Ushers for September
Sep 3 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Sep 10 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry, Helmut Vogg, Linda Vogg
Sep 17 - Bill Beyer, Bill Ruth, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Sep 24 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler

Acolytes for September
Sep 3 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson
Sep 10 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley
Sep 17 - Jeff Wilkins, III/Zach Welborn
Sep 24 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry

Greeters for September
Sep 3 - Cary and Jackie Matlock
Sep 10 - William and Cheryl Linde
Sep 17 - George and Carol Oakley
Sep 24 - James and Roberta Starr

Nursery for September
Sep 3 - Luci Spivey/Mona Atkinson
Sep 10 - Linda Raker/Beth Raker
Sep 17 - Lou Harper/Geoff Bengel
Sep 24 - Louis and Beth Wilkins

Second Hour Child Care for September
Sep 3 - Kim and Steve Perry
Sep 10 - Sue and Laura Brown
Sep 24 - Cleveland Welborn/Greg Danieley

Bulletin Board Update for September
1st Week - Liz Bensen
2nd Week - Bekah Davis
3rd Week - Olga Griswold
4th Week - Linda Vogg

Liturgists for September
Sep 3 - Linda Raker
Sep 10 - Heidi Danieley
Sep 17 - Gayland Welborn
Sep 24 - George Troxler

Church Attendance for
Jul 30 - 111
Aug 6 - 155
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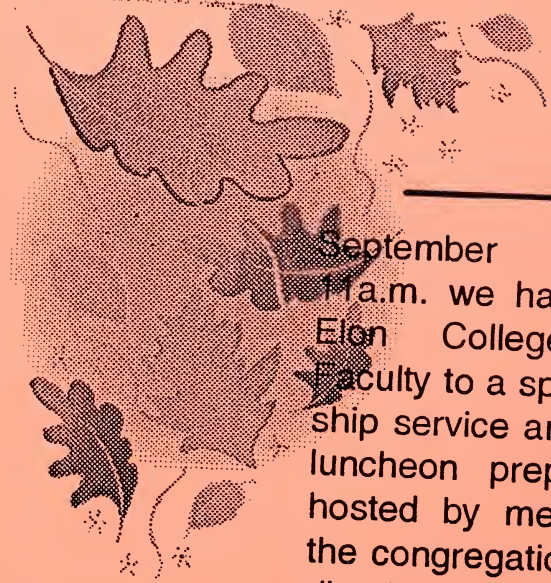


September 10th at 11a.m. we have invited Elon College's New Faculty to a special worship service and potluck luncheon prepared and hosted by members of the congregation, immediately following morning worship.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Please call the church office at 584-0391 to RSVP by September 1.

Mother Nature's Party

Mother Nature gave a party
In the fall when nights grew cold.
All the trees were feeling dowdy,
Their spring dresses were so old.

When along came "Jack the Sylist,"
Touched then with his magic wand,
Lo, their gowns were simply gorgeous,
Color gleamed on every hand.

Flaming crimson were the maples,
Russet oaks and amber beeches,
Smart in yellow stood the birch trees,
Brown and gold the pears and peaches.

Blue the sky and bright the sunshine,
Nature's party was a hummer
Saying in one blaze of glory,
Earth's farewell to lovely summer.

Poem by Lucretia Calhoun
Ann Acquilano's Great-Grandmother

From Arch's Desk . . .

When a person is in a "people profession" the opportunity provides myriad of "people experiences" and a plethora of personality caricatures. are pleasant and rewarding. Others are, well, less than pleasant. Life in it completeness includes all of the diversity and all of the opinions that is the result of our living "in community."

Recently a dear family member sent me the following poem:

People are often unreasonable,
Illogical, and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind,
People may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful,
You will win some false friends and some true enemies;
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank,
People may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building,
Someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness,
They may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.

The good things you do today
People will often forget tomorrow,
Do good deeds anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
And it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis,
It is between God and you;
It was never between them and you anyway.

As we continue to minister together in the diversity of our own community, in the diversity of the United Church of Christ, and in the diversity of our families and neighborhoods, we need to remember that all we say and do in the name of Jesus Christ in the final analysis is between God and us.

Serve in Jesus' name anyway as you meet the myriads of people God will send your way!

Happy living!

Arch Aitcheson
Pastor & Teacher

Homecoming at Elon College Community Church

October 8, 2000

Members and Friends of the Church, past and present
are warmly invited to attend worship on
Sunday, October the Eighth in the Year 2000
in celebration of the first Homecoming in the new Century!

We will be joined by members of the college community,
and the families of students attending the events of
the 2000 Family Weekend Event.

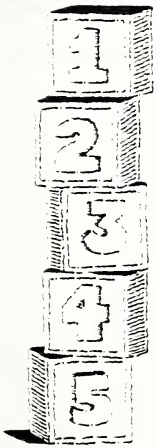
You are asked to bring "covered-dish" items to share
for the fellowship meal to follow worship at noon
in the Parish House.

Please invite old friends of the church or members of
your own family who have moved away from the
Elon College Community.
We hope to make pictures of the gathering following
the luncheon to celebrate our life together!

Have you registered your children for Sunday School yet? It's not too late!

There are classes for every age group—from infants and toddlers to adults. Classes start at 10:00AM. See you there!

HERE'S WHY SO MANY PARENTS BRING THEIR KIDS TO SUNDAY SCHOOL:



Because the teachers genuinely care about each child.

Because children learn how Bible truths make a difference in their lives.

Because children need friends who are a part of God's family.

Because children enjoy the variety of creative learning activities.

And, because parents get so much out of the adult ministries our church provides at the same time.

Attention Youth!

Ed Marsh, our fearless leader, wants to start a revolution—are you ready?

Youth Sunday School

Sundays at 10:00AM

Middle School Students meet in room 202
High School Students meet in the youth room

Bring the whole family—there are classes for everyone!

Youth Night Meetings

Sundays from 6:00PM to 7:30PM

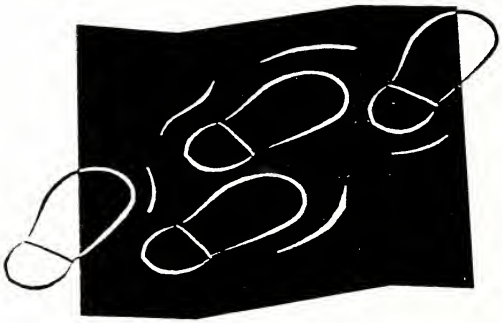
Middle and High School Students meet in the youth room for food, fellowship and fun!

Bring a friend!

Coming Up...

Sunday, September 24 – election of youth officers for 2000-2001

October 7, 2000- CROP walk to help stop hunger



Oktoberfest

Bring your family and your steins, and come fellowship with your church family at our annual Oktoberfest. It will be held on:

October 15, 2000
at Noon

All will enjoy the wonderful German dishes cooked by Linda Vogg. Fun will be had by all. Look for a Mission Board committee member for a ticket!

Luncheon

Tickets:
$10.00 Adults
$5.00 Children

Earthly Possessions

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Matthew 6:21 NRSV

How often do you think about the things you have around you? Most of u a few items we are convinced we could not live without. For some, it may be that classic hot rod hidden under a cotton blanket. For others, it may be a boat or a pl the lake. Far too many of us put money at the top of the list. In this world, mone brings power, it commands respect, and we feel good when it is in our grasp. Wh disappears, we are often brokenhearted and too frequently, mad. When we have i want more. To God, money is simply one of many tools He blesses us with to pro for our needs and to use to further God's kingdom on earth. I believe God wants give back to Him just as He has so graciously given to us. Those of us who are Christians freely gave Jesus Christ our lives. Why do we so strongly hold on to th "things" that in eternity have no value?

And He (Jesus) said to them, `Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.
Luke 12: 15 NRSV

We need to start living God centered lives instead of chasing after our possessions and their false hope. By giving God the palce of honor in our lives, the LORD will continue to bless us with things money cannot buy - eternal life, hope beyond all measure, love, family and friends.

To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they have an abundance. But from those who are unfaithful, even what little they h will be taken away!
Matthew 25: 29 NLT

God wants us to invest the things God gives us. I do not mean simply stick the money with which you have been blessed into stocks and bonds. We need to in in our churches, in our communities, and in the lives of others. It is most important remember to always honor God. When we turn over the control of our lives and o possessions to God, (they are all God's anyway!) We will be guided according to th

perfect plan laid out for us long before we were ever born.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in God and He will act.

Psalm 37:5 NRSV

Our Steps are made firm by the Lord, when God delights in our way.

Psalm 37:23 NRSV

The LORD often uses us to spread blessings to others. God could easily hand every one of us a million dollars, but what would we learn? Most of us are not prepared to handle that kind of responsibility and may never be prepared. Having a million dollars may not be our role in life. You may think having that much money would solve your current problems, but it may lead to headaches you never dreamed would come your way. When God blesses others through us, two things are accomplished.

First, the recipient gets to experience the blessings of God.

Second, we are drawn closer to God, realizing that all things come from Him. We should, therefore, seek God first, then listen for God's will.

When you search for me, you will find me, if you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13 NRSV

Keep this verse of Scripture in mind as you go about your daily life:

The God who has girded me with strength has opened wide my path!

II Samuel 22:33 NRSV

May God bless you!

Tom Small

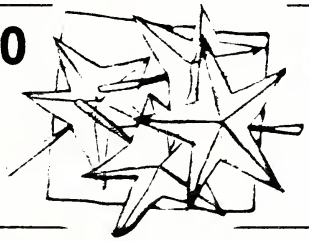
email:trsmall1@yahoo.com

October Devotion
By Tom Small

October 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	W
1 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:30p Youth 6:30p/9:30p Mass DEACON ON CALL BARRY RAKER 584-7725	**2** 10:30a Circle 1 7:00p Cub Scouts 7:30p Circle 2	**3** 7:30p Circle 3	**4** 7:00p Ch 8:00 p A.A
8 HOMECOMING 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:30p Church Nite / Youth 6:30p/9:30p Mass BILL RUTH 446-1136	**9** 7:00 Cub Scouts	**10** Noon Communion Noon TORCH DEADLINE	**11** 7:00p Ch 8:00 p A.A
15 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Noon OKTOBERFEST 5:30p Worship 6:30p Youth 6:30p/9:30p Mass M. SHOTZBERGER 584-7415	**16** 7:00 Cub Scouts	**17** Noon Communion	**18** 7:00p Ch 8:00 p A.A
22 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:30p Youth 6:30p/9:30p Mass DEACON ON CALL NELL SNYDER 584-6247	**23** 7:00 Cub Scouts 7:00p Stephen's Ministry Trng	**24** Noon Communion	**25** 7:00p Ch 8:00 p A.A
29 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:30p Youth 6:30p/9:30p Mass DEACON ON CALL ROBERTA STARR 584-9921	**30** 7:00p Pack Meeting	**31** HALLOWEEN Noon Communion	

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Noon Communion	**6** 6:45p SPECIAL FRIDAYS 7:30p Circle 2/(K. Floyd) ELON'S FAMILY WEEKEND	**7** 9:00a ENCA Meeting/Chapel Hill 9:30a Crop Walk/Holly Hill Baptist
12 Noon Communion	**13**	**14**
19 Noon Communion	**20**	**21** FESTIVAL OF THE OAKS
26 Noon Communion	**27**	**28**



FESTIVAL OF THE OAKS

Saturday, October 21, 2000
In the Town of Elon College

A Number of members are interested in holding a YARD SALE
and a BAKE SALE on our property during that event.
If you have items to be sold for the benefit of the Church Playground
or baked goods to donate,
OR
if you would be willing to help organize any of the above
please speak to Moderator, Ray Covington or send in the form below
to the Church Office by October 8!

DEAR RAY:

I/We will help with the Festival of the Oaks Project. I will:

____ Work on a Task Force to organize the event ____ Donate yard sale items

____ Coordinate the Bake Sale ____ Donate baked goods ____ Work at the event

____ Help with Set-up and Pricing ____ Make Posters ____ Other:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Email information to eccc-ucc@mindspring.com; put in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail to Elon College Community Church - P.O. Box 625, Elon College NC 27244-0625

CROP WALK

Annual CROP WALK for
Alamance County will be
Saturday, October 7, 2000
starting from
Holly Hill Baptist Church
at 9:30 a.m.

Walk With the World

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for including us on your prayer chain. Your prayers, cards, and other expressions of concern meant a great deal to both of us. Abdominal surgery combined with aspiration pneumonia proved to be a very trying experience. We are home now and slowly recovering after thirty-nine days in the hospital. We are grateful for your love and caring. May God richly bless each of you.

Sincerely,
Rachel and Lewis Holt

SERVICE FAIRE 2000

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2000

Auction begins	3:00 p.m.
Hotdog supper	5:00 p.m.
Auction resumes	5:30 p.m.

$5.00 Ticket includes catalogue and hotdog supper

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT! THIS IS A FUN/FUND RAISING EVENT FOR OUR CHURCH

PLAN YOUR DONATIONS & SUBMIT YOUR DONATION FORMS BEFORE OCTOBER 11TH

GENUINE ANTIQUES WILL BE ACCEPTED

NO YARD SALE ITEMS

SERVICE FAIRE DONATION FORM

Please complete entire form. If donating more than one type of item please complete additional forms.

Name:	Phone #:

Description of donation:

Number of times donated:	

Worth of individual item:	

Minimum acceptable bid:	

Check one below:

New Item:	
Service:	
Baked Goods:	
Genuine Antique:	

Note:
Some items may be selected to be used for our bid bags and will not be auctioned off.

ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 11 th , 2000

Congratulations Bob and Lesli Arrington

Married
September 17, 2000

Food For Thought . . .

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.
If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it.
He sends you flowers every spring.
He sends you a sunrise every morning.
Whenever you want to talk, He listens.
He can live anywhere in the universe,
Yet, He chooses your heart.
Face it, friend--He is crazy about you.

Parents' Day at Franklinton not only allowed the campers to show off their new skills to mothers and fathers, but introduced many of them to Franklinton Center and the United Church of Christ for the first time. But it is not likely to be the last time. They will come back, because the Center hosts and sponsors many other programs, events, conferences, and retreats for and with those whose voices are not heard and whose needs are not being met in the rural Southeast.

This good news story tells where some of our gifts to Neighbors in Need go.

If you believe in programs like this, please be generous when the offering plate is passed.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Sunday ~ October 22!

Church Directory Update

Church members are asked to fill out this form so we can update your information for the Church Directory and ACS database. Please return to the church by October 16, 2000.

~Thanks for your help!~

Name _____

Address _____

_____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Child(ren) _____

_____

DATE: 09/06/2000
TIME: 14:30:17

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12) 8 MONTHS
ALL FUNDS & DEPTS
REPORT DATE: 08/31/2000

ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	13,841.43	139,465.88	131,134.72	8,331.16+	202,702.00	140,572.16
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	1,090.00	7,030.00	8,866.64	1,836.64	13,300.00	9,145.00
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	15.00-
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	.00	.00	533.36	533.36	800.00	.00
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	15.79	100.00	84.21	150.00	1,287.07
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	.00	2,047.97	.00	2,047.97+	.00	3,620.52
TOTAL Interest	11.40	472.41	333.36	139.05+	500.00	494.92
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	.00	217.00	.00	217.00+	.00	980.01
TOTAL INCOME	14,942.83	149,249.05	140,968.08	8,280.97+	217,452.00	156,084.68
EXPENSES						
TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	.00	1,098.00	.00	1,098.00+	.00	1,764.00
TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	500.00	1,755.00	1,360.00	395.00+	2,360.00	1,025.00
TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	833.00	6,764.00	6,990.00	226.00	10,900.00	10,005.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	497.38	1,130.86	1,648.40	517.54	2,470.00	2,682.00
TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	170.00	1,522.86	2,376.64	853.78	3,225.00	7,918.41
TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	76.15	697.14	232.80	464.34+	300.00	282.26
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	802.39	2,391.62	3,910.60	1,518.98	5,725.00	2,649.35
TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES	9,985.59	96,985.82	113,035.76	16,049.94	170,172.00	96,454.90
TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.	7,712.58	32,660.61	31,702.32	958.29+	48,120.00	31,963.65
TOTAL Misc Expense Accts	.00	1,128.49	.00	1,128.49+	.00	1,145.34
TOTAL EXPENSES	20,577.09	146,134.40	161,256.52	15,122.12	243,272.00	155,890.41
NET TOTALS	5,634.26-	3,114.65				194.27

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Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for October
Oct 1 - Mr. and Mrs. James Starr
Oct 8 - Dr. and Mrs. Paul Cheek
Oct 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fairfield
Oct 22 - Mr. and Waverly Hughes
Oct 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Vogg

Ushers for October
Oct 1 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Oct 8 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry, Helmut Vogg, Linda Vogg
Oct 15 - Bill Beyer, Ray Harclerode, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Oct 22 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler
Oct 29 - Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, David Ruth, Ken Bensen

Acolytes for October
Oct 1 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson
Oct 8 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley
Oct 15 - Jeff Wilkins, III/Zach Welborn
Oct 22 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
Oct 29 -

Bread Ministry
Oct 1 - Liz Bensen
Oct 8 - Linda Vogg
Oct 15 - Bekah Davis
Oct 22 - Verona Danieley
Oct 29 - Liz Bensen

Greeters for October
Oct 1 - Ken and Liz Bensen
Oct 8 - Bill and Shirley Beyer
Oct 15 - Mark and Heidi Danieley
Oct 22 - Harvey and Fran Hook
Oct 29 - Warren and Virginia Jeffreys

Bulletin Board Update for October
1st Week - Dave Turnage
2nd Week - Wally Snyder
3rd Week - Olga Griswold
4th Week - Linda Vogg
5th Week - Liz Bensen

Nursery for October
Oct 1 - Earl and Verona Danieley
Oct 8 - Ann Acquilano/Beth Wilkins
Oct 15 - Susan and Bill Menikheim
Oct 22 - Luci Spivey/Mona Atkinson
Oct 29 - Maxine & Miranda Rich

Liturgists for October
Oct 1 - Roberta Starr
Oct 8 - Rebecca Perry
Oct 15 - Lois Luke
Oct 22 - George Troxler
Oct 29 - Leo Lambert

Second Hour Child Care for October
Oct 1 - Bill Linde/Katherine Floyd
Oct 8 - Laura Chatfield/Stephen Bengel
Oct 15 - Jimma Causey/Katrina Chappell
Oct 22 - Marie & Anna Wilkins
Oct 29 - Louis and Beth Wilkins

Church Attendance for
Sep 3 - 134
Sep 10 - 184
Sep 17 - 121
Sep 24 - 169

After celebrating his 65th
sary, a parishioner was ask
minister, "what's the se
helped you stay married s

"The first rule", he answer
love your partner. The sec
is if a married couple have
ment, the wife should alw
the last word. If the husban
last word, that's the start of
argument."

**Life is what you m
until someone c
along and make
worse.**
Henry Boye

Minister and Deacon visiti
military cemetery viewing
of crosses marking graves

Deacon: "Where did all th
people come from?"

Minister: "Why, they died i

Deacon: "Morning or even

Henry B

We Are So *Blessed*

We are so blessed
by the gifts from
Your hand,
I just can't
understand,
Why you've
loved us
so much.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD."
PSALM 33:12 NIV

From the Pastor . . .

THANKFUL RESPONSE

November arrives and the cool, crisp air of Autumn awakens us to each new day and tucks us in at night. This is the month of thanksgiving and togetherness. College reunions, end of the season football games, and drives to catch the last peak at autumnal splendor help us to draw closer to celebrate warm memories and fellowship.

November is the month of Thanksgiving in our country. It calls us to provide a thankful response to God for the freedoms we share, for the bounty of the harvest, for the possibilities we are given in this part of the world, and more. Our response denotes our sincerity and our faithfulness.

November is the month of Commitment. Your Stewardship Committee will be making an appeal for you to consider increasing your financial response in thanksgiving to God for the ministries of this church. This is an exciting time. New families, a full fledged Christian Education program, the search for an associate pastor, and new worship options tell us that we have a great deal to lift up in thanksgiving. We need to give more in response to the increased financial needs to keep our doors open and our programs effective. Our response will determine our future in 2001.

November is a month of fellowship and celebration. The Service Faire will be held on Saturday, November 11 from 3 o'clock on. The task force has worked hard to make this a good event. Your presence and participation will be an effective response to their hard work on our behalf. Attend and bring friends and checkbooks! The proceeds will add to our ministry outreach.

November is a month of leadership. The Nominating Committee and I will be contacting many of you to participate in the leadership functions of this churches vast program. If you are asked to serve on a committee, board or leadership office, please say, "Yes!" Your leadership is a key ingredient. If you would like to serve on one of

our committees or boards, let me know! In this election month it is critical that ALL registered voters make the effort to get to the polls. Cast your ballot according to your own understanding of the best leadership for our region and nation. Our response as citizens of the United States will determine where this nation will be in the future.

November is a time of prayerful reflection. As we plan to meet with neighboring churches on Thanksgiving Eve we will have an opportunity to respond in faithful prayer and song to the blessings that God's grace has bestowed upon us. Our response should be joyous and caring.

November is a time of thankful response. Jesus expects a great deal from us as we carry out his mission. Our response will let the world know how thankful we are for the gifts of the Gospel, the treasure of his gift of life and the wonder of the grace God offers us in the Christ.

Respond thankfully to November's opportunities!

Prayerfully,

Arch Aitcheson
Pastor & Teacher

EXAM GOODIE BAG
TIME IS NEAR!

ITEMS NEEDED BY NOV. 26:

BAGS OF CANDY
MICROWAVE POPCORN
PACKETS OF COFFEE OR HOT CHOCOLATE MIX
TEA BAGS
CHEESE/PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS
GUM
LIFESAVERS
POST-IT NOTES
HOMEMADE COOKIES

Bring items any Sunday or to the church office M-F

Exam bags will be assembled Sunday, December 3rd.

Allied Churches of Alamance County, Inc.

Serving the hungry, the poor, the homeless and the elderly in our community

206 N Fisher Street • PO Box 2581
Burlington, NC 27216-2581
E-mail: acacnet@netpath.net

September 21st, 2000

UCC08
Attn: Pastor
Elon College Community U C C
PO Box 625
Elon College NC 27244-0625

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your donation of $500.00 for our ministries at Allied Churches. Your gifts make a tremendous difference in the lives of your and our neighbors who come to us for assistance in time of need.

This is an exciting time at the Ministries Center for several reasons. (1) I have just assumed the position of Executive Director as a result of several weeks of the Board's seeking God's direction and pursuing each qualified candidate brought to their attention. (2) Meanwhile, Associate Director John Russell and our department heads and other dedicated staff have very effectively continued to lead our ministries. (3) We have received (and continue to need) the selfless commitment of many volunteers for our kitchen and shelter, along with meeting the needs of our elderly neighbors. If you can give even one or two hours this month or each week this month, please call and volunteer for a particular area or for the place where we presently need you most.

Thank you for your support in making Alamance County a better place to live and work

Ministering Christ's love with you,

Glenn A. T. McNiel

Glenn A. T. McNiel, D.Min., Executive Director

P.S.-Two reminders to our supporters. (1) Your gift is 100% tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, and we acknowledge that you have received no goods or services from us in return for your contribution. (2) As a matter of the ACAC Board policy, we do not rent or exchange the names and addresses of our individual donors to other organizations or businesses. We know that you appreciate this courtesy.

Thanks so very much for your lovely gift. I look forward to meeting you.

Dr. Glenn A.T. McNiel
Executive Director
mcnielga@aol.com

John Russell
Associate Exec. Director
Chief Financial Officer

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Fax 336-229-4265

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Bill Adams, Director

Good Shepherd Community Kitchen*
336-229-4343
Michelle Embree, Director

Emergency Night Shelter*
336-222-0749
Bill Adams, Director

Caring & Sharing Ministries
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*Receives Funds from the United Way

Toys for Bosnia

Many of you know by now that Scot Aitcheson is serving in the North Carolina Army National Guard as a part of the peace-keeping force in Bosnia-Herzegovina. His wife, Marion, who cares for our younger children in the toddler care area on Sunday mornings, has shared a video Scot has sent. That video takes us on a day's deployment from the camp where his platoon is stationed through the villages in that region. Over and over again the film depicts bombed out homes and empty villages destroyed in the Serbian/Bosnian conflict of several years back. We see children and youth in the streets waving at U.S. soldiers as the armored "Hummers" drive through the streets that once buzzed with the sounds of everyday activity in pre-war times.

Scot and his platoon have decided to do something for the children they see. They want to provide new toys for the children. The only way the toys can be presented in the highly volatile environment is for the soldiers to toss the toys from their rucksacks to the children.

A letter Scot forwarded to me offers some insight and guidelines for any who might want to help with this project. Portions of the letter were read in worship on October 22.

> ***After touring village after village destroyed by hate, I reacted by asking what we were really doing here. As soldiers, we are here to perform a simple mission. As humans, we are here to help. As a guardsman, I feel that I can relate to these people on some other level that a normal soldier cannot. These people are just like us and worry about jobs and homes and families. The Bosnians, both Moslem and Serb, are trying desperately to recover from a brutal war. Sadly, the victims are the children. I saw many of the same faces at a refugee camp in 1992. What amazed me then and even more so now, though, is the resilience of the children. They don't seem to notice that we are soldiers! They run and hide and play and wave whenever we ride pass. They do not see the danger in the M240B machine guns that are cradled in our turrets. They only see our smiling faces. They do not understand ploitics or religion, nor do they understand hate. They are the future of this nation, and the way they see us now will***

affect the way they deal with one another ten years from now.

After several discussion with the men and leadership of my platoon, we decided to help in anyway we could. (The plan is to distribute small, new toys to the children that can be tossed from the soldiers' Rucksacks to the children as the "hummer" pass by. Editor)
For those who want to be on board for this mission here are some of the requirements that need to be considered.

1. ***Size: The toys need to be relatively small, .i.e.: baseballs, matchbox Cars, small stuffed animals, dolls, etc.***
2. ***Toys must be non-secular and non-political: No santa clauses, no U.S. flags, no GI Joes, no religious articles.***
3. ***Toys need to be NEW <u>not used.</u> Most of these children are "Displaced Persons and Refugees" and have been settled outside of their places of origin. Most of what they have is second hand. It is our goal to give these children something New that belongs to them first-hand! We take these things for granted in the U.S., but our "poor" have never had to face the dilemmas that currently face the nation of Bosnia.***

If you would like to provide toys for these children and help Scot's platoon, simply bring the items as suggested to the church. Arch and Liz will see that they are shipped to Scot and the 1st Platoon, B. Co. 1/252 AR by A.P.O. mails.

Our Mission Board has endorsed this outreach. In this season of thanksgiving and beyond help us help the children!

ECCC Handbells

More handbell rehearsals will soon be scheduled. If you are interested in playing at any time between now and next summer, please call Betty and let her know when you are/are not available for rehearsals and performances. In most cases, your time commitment will involve only a few weeks at one time.

Betty Dillashaw 538-0672

10/6/00

Dear Church Family,

When I wrote to you a couple of months ago, I had no idea that I would soon need your support to help me through another illness. That need did occur, however, and once again I have been grateful to be a part of this church fellowship.

Please know that the cards you sent have been read many times as a reminder of your support of me through prayer and of your encouragement during these "down" weeks for me. Also, your visits and phone calls have often cheered me up. Most of all, though, I appreciate your prayers and positive thoughts for my healing.

I will undergo chemotherapy treatments through mid-February, but I plan to work with handbell groups during this time, though not quite as often as usual.

Love,

Betty Dillashaw

Elon College Community Church
United Church Of Christ
10 October 2000

Chairman Louis Wilkins reported feeding a nourishing meal prepared by members of our Church to over 50 homeless people at the Allied Churches Shelter. The meal, while sufficient, left no leftovers. He mentioned some of the characteristics of the recipients of the bounty and of the needs of those given shelter. Some, though in need, are denied food and shelter by reason of drunkenness; some are teenagers who have been put out of their homes by parents for violating disciplinary rules; some are parents and children who for various reasons have been put out of their homes; one guest once requested ear-plugs to permit sleep when others nearby snored. The shelter is a much needed and effective missionary endeavor.

The Church Pantry needs shortening, tea and coffee. It is the hope of the Board that overaccumulations of any Pantry items may be shared with Loaves and Fishes, as the needs of the larger community are increasingly great.

Pastor Aitcheson relayed the request of his son, Scot, now in Bosnia, for small items suitable as gifts for children. Scot indicated that gifts may not be given to the children of any ethnic faction, for that would be choosing sides against other groups, but may be distributed indiscriminately to children alongside streets and highways. Such gifts, which will lessen divisiveness, may be delivered to the Pastor and he will pass them on to Scot.

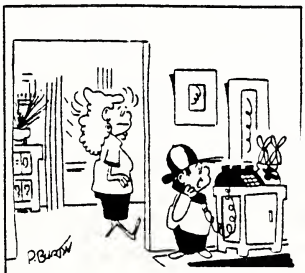
Chairman Louis Wilkins, his wife Beth, and the Pastor attended as delegates a meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Association on Saturday and were painfully disappointed by the rejection of a newly organized and fast growing church in North Raleigh, apparently on beliefs of delegates from small churches pastored by uneducated clergy that are incompatible with open and affirming principles espoused by the United Church of Christ. It is hoped that there may be some possibility of reversing the rejection and admitting a well qualified new congregation under excellent leadership to membership in our Eastern NC Association.

D Marsh McLelland
For The Board

November 2000

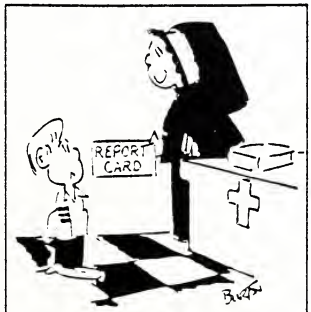
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
			1 7:00p 8:00p
5 8:30a Worship 9:45a Donut Day at SSchool 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:30p Youth 6:30p/9:30p Mass DEACON ON CALL JACKIE MATLOCK 584-7961	6 10:30a Circle 1 7:00p Cub Scouts 7:30p Circle 2	7 ELECTION DAY Noon Communion 7:30p Circle 3	8 7:00p 8:00p
12 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:30p Church Nite / Youth 6:30p/9:30p Mass DEACON ON CALL LYNN DENNY 292-0786	13 7:00p Cub Scouts	14 Noon Communion Noon TORCH DEADLINE 4:30p Healing the Children	15 9:00 a. 7:00p 8:00p
19 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:30p Youth 6:30p/9:30p Mass DEACON ON CALL KAY HENSLEY 584-5940	20 7:00p Cub Scouts	21 Noon Communion	22 7:00p 8:00p
26 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:30p Youth DEACON ON CALL STEVE PERRY 449-7668	27 7:00p Pack Meeting 7:00p Stephen's Training	28 Noon Communion	29 7:00p 8:00p

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club Noon Communion	**3** 10:00a Church Women United	**4** 8:00a Elon Prayer B'fast ELON'S HOMECOMING
9 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club Noon Communion	**10**	**11** 3:00p Service Faire VETERAN'S REMEMBRANCE DAY
16 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club Noon Communion	**17** 9:00a Personnel Cmte Mtg	**18**
23 THANKSGIVING DAY	**24**	**25**
30 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club Noon Communion		



"Good. As soon as they leave you can fax me the homework answers."

Paul Burton (c)MMI



"Judgement Day already?"

Paul Burton (c)MMI

Alamance County Human Relations Counc
P.O. Box 1114 ▪ Graham, North Carolina 27253
Founded 19

September 20, 2000

Dear Pastor:

The Alamance County Human Relations Council is a not-for-profit NC corporation appointed by the County Commissioners. Our mission is to promote cultural diversity to better serve the needs of the citizens of Alamance County through the following activities:

1. Studying and recommending strategies for the prevention of potential human relations problems and crises.
2. Identifying, studying, and documenting areas of human needs in housing, employment, education, and recommending strategies for meeting those needs.
3. Serving as a voluntary forum for the hearing of individual grievances and complaints relative to human relations with a view toward solving these individual problems.
4. Being available as a conciliatory body for resolving tension and human conflict in times of public disorder.

On Sunday, November 5, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. the Alamance County Human Relations Council will hold its eleventh Annual Awards Banquet at Nick's Cuisine. At this time citizens and organizations will be recognized in five categories. *You are invited to submit nominations for any of these awards.* The five categories are listed below. Your support of this Awards Banquet as well as all activities of the council is requested.

Citizenship Award using the following criteria:

1. Exhibits constructive concern for oppressed people.
2. Speaks out on issues affecting the lives of poor people.
3. Promotes community and human betterment.
4. Has been involved in at least one activity worthy of human relations recognition.
5. Exemplifies a positive attitude toward improving human relations.

Community Involvement Award using the following criteria:

1. Exhibits constructive concern for disadvantaged people.
2. Speaks out on issues affecting the lives of poor people.
3. Is active in community/civic affairs.
4. Has been involved in at least one activity worthy of human relations recognition.
5. Exemplifies a positive attitude toward improving human relations.

Business and Industry Award using the following criteria:

1. Has an active affirmative action program.
2. Provides leadership seminars and directions for upward mobility.
3. Has an educational scholarship program.
4. Promotes and is involved in local and state human relations affairs.
5. Has initiated at least one human relations effort.

The two other categories are Outstanding Youth Awards; **one for a high school student and one a middle school student using the following criteria:**

1. Has demonstrated by at least one recognized act, a concern for the rights of all people.

   The outstanding event might be:

   a. promoting unity among various ethnic groups.
   b. defending others against hate/violence activities
   c. providing leadership in defusing racial tensions.
   d. assisting in the establishment of a human relations council in his/her school or community.
   e. Any one act that promotes better understanding among people.

2. To be considered for this award, the youth must be:

   a. under the age of 18.
   b. a full time student.

The deadline for nominations will be October 16th; it will be helpful if they could be received earlier. Supporting documents such as, (a) comments about the nominee from community leaders, co-workers and/or teachers, (b) examples of the nominee's efforts to work for positive human relations, (c) a description of the nominee's relationship with his/her family are encouraged.

Please make every effort to respond to all criteria. Your nominations should be mailed to the Council at the above address and marked to the attention of the Awards Committee.

We would appreciate it if you would announce this awards event in your church or insert a short notice in the bulletin about it so that the greatest possible number of persons may make nominations and/or attend the Banquet.. **Tickets are $12.00 per person. For further information, you may contact Dawn Sternal at the Christmas Cheer office, phone number (336) 229-9969 or leave a message.**

Sincerely,

Dawn Sternal

Dawn Sternal
Chairperson

Alamance County Human Relations Coun
P.O. Box 1114 ▪ Graham, North Carolina 27253 *Founded*

The Alamance County
Human Relations Council

invites you to attend our

Annual Awards Banquet

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2000
6:00 P.M.
NICK'S CUISINE
2699 RAMADA ROAD
BURLINGTON, NC

PLEASE RESPOND BY FRIDAY, OCT. 20, 2000
$12 per person

Return this portion

*From:*_____
Print Name

To: Alamance County Human Relations Council
P.O. Box 1114 Graham, NC 27253

( ) Yes, I will be attending the Annual Awards Banquet
Please reserve seating for _____ *in my name.*
*Enclosed is a check for $*_____.

( ) Sorry, I am unable to attend.

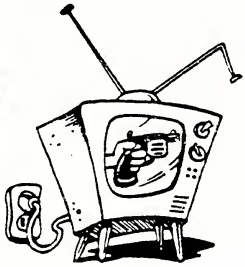
*Signature:*_____

Sunday School

10 AM Sunday Mornings
Classes for all ages!

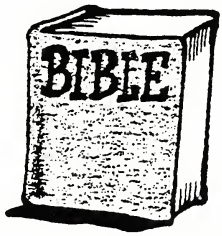
What Are Your Kids Under the Influence of?

☐ **Their Friends**



☐ **Television**

☐ **The Comics**



☐ **The Bible**

today's complex world, kids encounter ruggles that we probably never experienced. ruggles that require them to make important hoices much earlier. That's why kids need to e getting into the Bible — as early as possible! ur Sunday School will familiarize your kids with the Bible. They'll be learning about Jesus Christ. Learning about life. Learning about real people who followed God in Bible times. And most importantly, learning how to use their own Bibles, so they can get the Bible into their lives.

OCTOBER NEEDS LISTS FOR ALLIED CHURCHES

CARING & SHARING, Rev. Perry, 229-0881

BURLINGTON	Blind lady needs assistance with mail.
BURLINGTON	Elderly Gentleman requests friendly visits or calls.
BURLINGTON	Disabled lady requests friendly visits and calls.
BURLINGTON	Disabled lady needs someone to help with shopping/erra
BURLINGTON	Senior Lady needs weeding & flower watering
BURLINGTON	Senior lady needs help shopping.
BURLINGTON	Senior gentleman needs assist with shopping
GRAHAM	Senior lady needs person to shop and carry in groceries
GRAHAM	Senior lady requests visits by phone or in person.
GRAHAM	Senior lady would like a roonmate.
GRAHAM	Senior man requests visits
SNOW CAMP	Senior lady needs yard work
MEBANE	Senior lady needs friendly visis.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ANSWER PHONE *Mon. aft.* 2-5, Wed. aft. 2-5 Rev. Perry, 229-0881

CHAPEL needs Youth BIBLES – Rev Perry, 229-0881

GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY KITCHEN - Michelle Emree, 229-4343
Brown Sugar, Sugar, Paper Towels, Tilet Paper, Napkins, Crackers, and Dishwashing Liquid, Coffee, Crea
Aluminum Foil, Tea, Medium size Playtexlined kitchen gloves

EMERGENCY NIGHT SHELTER, Bill Adams, 222-0749
Automatic dishwasher detergent, BathSoap, Deodorant, Disposable Razrs, sweetened **CEREAL**, Lotion, Sha
Cream, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste. **VOLUNTEERS, 6:00 - 11:00 PM**

SERVICE FAIRE 2000

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2000

Auction begins	3:00 p.m.
Hotdog supper	5:00 p.m.
Auction resumes	5:30 p.m.

$5.00 Ticket includes catalogue and hotdog supper

Here is a sneak preview of some of the wonderful items you will find at the auction this year:

Handcrafted Grandmother Clock

Delicious Baked Goods

Tree from Danieley Nursery

$50 Gift Certificate from Canady Wayside Furniture

2 Day/2 Night Mountain Getaway

Bring your friends and neighbors

Attention Youth

Happenings for you and your family to put on your calendars!

Fundraiser for Carolina Cross Connection:

Youth "Slave" Auction

Saturday, November 4

Church and community members will be invited to purchase your services for a day!

Winter Ski Trip 2001

January 5-7, 2001

Paperwork and $30 deposit due by November 5

Balance due December 3

Parent volunteers welcome to chaperone

SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12) 9 MONTHS
General Fund/1st State
REPORT DATE: 09/30/2000

COUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
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TAL INCOME	19,187.81	158,653.69	147,526.56	11,127.13+	202,702.00	153,591.86
TAL RENTAL INCOME	.00	7,030.00	9,974.97	2,944.97	13,300.00	10,120.00
TAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	15.00-
TAL SALES TAX REFUND	.00	.00	600.03	600.03	800.00	.00
TAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TAL GENERAL REFUNDS	.00	15.79	112.50	96.71	150.00	1,287.07
TAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	2.00	2,049.97	.00	2,049.97+	.00	3,840.52
TAL Interest	16.33	488.74	375.03	113.71+	500.00	496.94
TAL Misc. Income Accts	.00	217.00	.00	217.00+	.00	7,980.01
TAL INCOME	19,206.14	168,455.19	158,589.09	9,866.10+	217,452.00	177,301.40
NSES						
TAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	.00	1,098.00	.00	1,098.00+	.00	1,764.00
TAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	100.00	1,855.00	1,460.00	395.00+	2,360.00	1,145.00
TAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	833.00	7,597.00	7,820.00	223.00	10,900.00	11,570.00
TAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	.00	1,130.86	1,801.95	671.09	2,470.00	2,682.00
TAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	608.34	2,131.20	2,586.22	455.02	3,225.00	8,093.41
TAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	41.75	738.89	249.40	489.49+	300.00	282.26
TAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	290.98	2,682.60	4,358.80	1,676.20	5,725.00	2,903.48
TAL SALARY EXPENSES	13,700.84	110,686.66	127,165.23	16,478.57	170,172.00	119,234.64
TAL Facility Operation Exp.	1,581.91	34,242.52	36,508.86	2,266.34	48,120.00	36,014.42
TAL Misc Expense Accts	.00	1,128.49	.00	1,128.49+	.00	1,145.34
TAL EXPENSES	17,156.82	163,291.22	181,950.46	18,659.24	243,272.00	184,834.55
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Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for November
Nov 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Len Norris
Nov 12 - Judge and Mrs. Marsh McLelland
Nov 19 - Mrs. Elizabeth Parker
Nov 26 - Drs. Ray and Cathy Covington

Ushers for November
Nov 5 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Nov 12 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry, Helmut Vogg, Linda Vogg
Nov 19 - Bill Beyer, Bill Ruth, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Nov 26 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler

Acolytes for November
Nov 5 - Laura Brown/Anna Wilkins
Nov 12 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson
Nov 19 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley
Nov 26 - Jeff Wilkins/Zach Welborn

Bread Ministry /Lemonade
Nov 5 - Wally Snyder
Nov 12 - Linda Vogg
Nov 19 - Verona Danieley
Nov 26 - Olga Griswold

Greeters for November
Nov 5 - Ken and Lou Harper
Nov 12 - Brent and Kay Hensley
Nov 19 - William and Cheryl Linde
Nov 26 - Cary and Jackie Matlock

Bulletin Board Update for November
1st Week - Linda Vogg
2nd Week - Verona Danieley
3rd Week - Olga Griswold
4th Week - Liz Bensen

Nursery for November
Nov 5 - Ray and Bernice Harclerode
Nov 12 - Cile and Claire Welborn
Nov 19 - Heidi Danieley/Olga Griswold
Nov 26 - Carol and George Oakley

Liturgists for November
Nov 5 - Nell Snyder
Nov 12 - Martin Shotzberger
Nov 19 - Bill Rippy
Nov 26 - Mary Ruth

Second Hour Child Care for November
Nov 5 - Jimma Causey/Katrina Chappell
Nov 12 - Marie and Anna Wilkins
Nov 19 - Christy and David Ruth
Nov 26 - Kim and Steve Perry

Church Attendance for

Aug 27 - 140	Oct 1 - 175
Sep 3 - 134	Oct 8 - 379
Sep 10 - 184	Oct 15 - 148
Sep 17 - 121	Oct 22 - 147
Sep 24 - 169	Oct 29 - 173

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A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN –
He Is Christ The Lord!

From the Pastor . . . **Christmas Truth**

The Child was born in the spirit of ***inclusiveness*** and ***love***,
Reflecting the nature of the Creator who had grown tired,
Watching humanity's obsession with self-made regulations
And the continued fueling of the resulting hatred's fires.

Christ walked the land in the spirit of ***mercy*** and ***welcome***,
Teaching the ways of the Realm where doors open wide,
Embracing every struggling person, every seeking heart,
Regardless of past errors, societal labels, or destructive lies.

Jesus lives in the land of the living with ***arms eternally open***,
Reminding us of his position upon that horrendous cross,
Calling us to run to him to discover honest affirmation,
Guiding us into heaven's victories rather than eternal loss.

Truth is born to us in a way that ***awakens*** us to new life;
This is God's truth that is open to ***every*** human soul,
Loving unconditionally as the sacred overcomes the secular,
Releasing us in Christ's love ***to love one another as our goal***.

This is Christmas Truth!

As this pastor extends you a wish for a ***Blessed Christmas***, I also pray that our love and the truth of God's inclusiveness will awaken us and the world around us to be more understanding, more welcoming, more forgiving and more faithful to the goal that calls us in the faith traditions of Christianity, Judaism, Islam and more to love each other. Let us pray this season for an opening of human hearts everywhere to create the environment for the peace God and Christ intend for us all!

Prayerfully,

December Devotion from Tom Small

Read The Instructions

Apply your mind to instruction and your ear to words of knowledge. (Proverbs 23:12 NRSV)

Many homes have sprayed on ceilings that some refer to as 'popcorn' or textured. For those who don't know what I'm talking about, a textured ceiling is painted with bright white paint with tiny little beads mixed in. I think the main reason builders use it is to cover up the unevenness of the ceiling, but that is another devotional.

Anyway, as with any paint, texture paint will flake off over time. On a wall or the outside of the house is one thing, but when the ceiling paint begins to flake off it's simply a matter of time before it becomes annoying. For me the aggravation came when the textured ceiling in my bathroom decided to fall off just after I put shampoo in my hair. To repair this I had the grand idea that I could easily patch the problem area.

The clever do all things intelligently, but the fool displays folly. (Proverbs 13:16 NRSV)

I returned from Lowe's with the necessary supplies and proceeded to fix the small area of chipped paint. I chose the textured ceiling-in-a-can for the repairs. I glanced at the instructions and was positive I could handle the job. I shook the can as instructed then aimed at the ceiling and practiced the back and forth motion. I thought I was ready. I thought the job would be simple. A few quick sprays and the ceiling would be perfect.

To make this devotional short, let me sum up the rest of the story. I pushed the nozzle on the can and somehow managed to get some of the paint on the ceiling. But… I also sprayed the bathroom walls, other parts of the ceiling, the floor and me. I ended up with a big mound of paint on the spot I intended to fix and a huge mess to clean up. In the end, I scraped off the built-up paint and used a roller to repaint an area roughly the size of the tub. I if would have just read the instructions or better yet, hired someone to fix the problem, I would have come out cheaper and so much happier.

My mistake was that I did not read the instructions. God has given us instructions for how to live our lives.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. (2Timothy 3:16-17 NRSV)

We all should read our Bibles every day. God has given us His living word to direct our paths, comfort us, chastise us, and to teach us how to live for Him.

Those who are attentive to a matter will prosper, and happy are those who trust in the LORD. (Proverbs 16:20 NRSV)

Without counsel, plans go wrong, but with many advisers they succeed. (Proverbs 15:22 NRSV)

Keep this verse of Scripture in mind as you go about your daily life: *The God who has girded me with strength has opened wide my path.* (II Samuel 22:33 NRSV)

May God Bless You!

Elon College Community Church
United Church of Christ
Board of Missions
14 November 2000

Katherine Floyd, Co-Chair, presided and mentioned an astonishing array of needful matters of which the Board and the Church should be concerned. Among those mentioned, the members present considered and informally acted on a few.

All were happy to know that Scott Aitcheson, the son of Pastor Arch and wife, Liz, and now in the military forces mission in Bosnia, has distributed to children in that unhappy land small toys contributed ty our Church members and forwarded to him by the Aitchesons. These acts of kindness are properly regarded, in the opinion of the members present, as examples of Christian love of neighbors that may well produce fruits of lasting peace among the antagonistic diversity of cultures in that part of our world.

Some other matters discussed are these. Money raised by Neighbors in Need appeal will be forwarded to Native Americans on Indian Reservations in this country. Christmas cards are being sold by youth groups of our Church for the benefit of Habitat for Humanity at $5 each: the purpose is to raise money, you know. Educational programs on the world scourge known as Aids are planned, one of which will be held at Occasions in early December under the sponsorship of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church of Burlington. Elon Homes for Children invites contributions of $25 or more in honor or memory of persons, and would like a list by November 24th of those who will give. The Charlotte branch of the Homes is in need of a new van, and needs labels from Campbell soups, V8 juice, Franco American Spaghetti and such. They should be dropped in the Homes box in our Church narthex.

Allied Churches of Alamance County will meet in its Fall General Assembly at the Ministries Center on Fisher Street in Burlington on November 24th at 5:30 PM. Delegates from all member churches, one of which is our Church, should be designated and urged to attend. Ellie Ketcham has arranged for the periodic one night responsibility of our Church at the Night Shelter and Community kitchen and will continue in that endeavor.

The Mission Board has requested of the Finance Committee inclusion in the 2001 budget $13000 for Wider Church Ministry and $578 for Eastern NC Association.

D Marsh McLelland
For The Board

Dear Arch Aitcheson,

We would like to thank you for allowing us to hold our initiation ceremonies in your chapel, once again this semester. On Thursday, October 26th the Epsilon Mu chapter of Kappa Alpha Order initiated four new brothers; Travis Bell, Cory Hedrick, Michael Trainor, and Bradley Campbell. This is a great honor for both these new members and our existing brothers. We would like to thank you and your congregation for your continued support of our local KA chapter. Enclosed is a donation of fifty dollars.

Sincerely,

Thomas O'Neill
Ritualist
Kappa Alpha Order

"Here I am, send me."
ISAIAH 6:8 (NRSV)

There Is Work To Be Done Here...

LYDIA JOHNSON-HILL

Global Ministries missionary Lydia Johnson-Hill serves at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. She describes her new work there as a "perfect fit" and "a natural flow-on" from the kinds of service she was previously engaged in at Pacific Theological College in Fiji and in South Africa. "Just as I was involved in developing a distance education program at PTC, so there was a need for someone to assist with the rapidly growing 'distance learning' component of the theology faculty. Just as I was involved in developing the first Masters in Ministry program at PTC, so there is a need for someone to help develop the new M. Min program."

"Most importantly," she writes, "Otago attracts a good number of Pacific Islanders in its theology programs but they have tended to feel somewhat alienated and a bit 'lost' in the largely 'pakeha' (white) world of the university. One of my missions — the key mission, from my viewpoint — is to reach out to these Pacific Islanders, providing pastoral care and academic assistance wherever needed. Because I have spent so many years in the Pacific (and with Pacific Islanders doing theological studies), I can hopefully be a kind of 'bridge' between the islanders and the 'pakeha' staff who may not always be familiar with how islanders think and express themselves, or with other cultural issues that have a bearing on their well-being and behavior."

"God sometimes puts us in unexpected places and presents us with unexpected challenges. I never knew I would be needed in Dunedin, New Zealand! Yet here I am, by the grace of God, in a rich mission possibility for the Common Global Ministries Board. There is work to be done here, and I am attempting to say, with my presence here, 'Here I am, Lord, Use me.'"

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"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners or aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household. . ."

EPHESIANS 2:19 (NRSV)

We Rejoice That We Have Settled Into Our Home In Beautiful South Africa.

Global Ministries missionaries Scott Couper and Susan Valiquette serve with the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa (UCCSA) and Inanda Seminary, Durban, South Africa.

SCOTT COUPER

As Scott works with Groutville Congregational Church and its nine out-stations, he is finding that trust is built by "counseling, burying, baptizing, and visiting the sick with integrity and love." Susan is learning that the most marginalized in Africa (young, black, women) need the greatest amount of investment if they are to reach their God-given potential.

SUSAN VALIQUETTE

Scott writes, "Susan is settling in very well at the Inanda boarding school. After years of administrative, financial, and spiritual neglect the school is 'rising like a Phoenix.' Susan is striving to re-introduce and re-commit the UCCSA to be responsible to the school again. She has invited UCCSA clergy to conduct worship during one of the two Sunday worship services. It is crucial that the visibility of Inanda Seminary be restored and that clergy of the UCCSA see the progress that Inanda Seminary is making with its students.

"Susan's presence as chaplain has improved the school's spiritual life, and her personality and love for the girls also influences the students' personal, social, physical, and psychological lives. She has focused energy into recruiting human resources to speak about various health issues, especially issues relating to human sexuality. For many girls, Susan and those who come to speak are the only means of obtaining reliable information about their bodies."

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The Service Faire Grandmother Clock . . . Still Ticking!

The Clock, donated to the Service Faire by Earl and Verona Danieley and built and finished by Jim Starr is still available for sale. The clock is valued at $500.00 and is being held in the clock showroom of Earl Vickers, Clocksmith. The clock is beautifully crafted and finished, has a pleasant chime and is definitely worth more than its price tag!

With Christmas coming, this would be a wonderful gift. The proceeds from the sale will go toward the Service Faire and the work of our church.

If you would like to see the clock you may do so by telephoning Earl Vickers at 584-7896 to make an appointment. Earl's shop is on Devonshire Road in Burlington. Give him a call and get the clock for your home or loved one!

Christmas Eve Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2000

8:30 a.m. Contemporary & Casual Worship
10:00 Sunday School - Birthday for Jesus for Children
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Special Music
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Carols & Communion

All are welcome to attend and to bring friends and neighbors to our services!

Keep the Meaning of Christmas by Attending!

COMING IN JANUARY!!

WINTERFEST

Fellowship Luncheon
German menu featuring pork roast & goulash

Sunday, January 21, 2001

Tickets: $10.00 Adults
$ 5.00 Children 6 – 12

Tickets will be on sale January 7 & 14

December 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	We
3 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:00p Love Feast 6:30p Youth DEACON ON CALL BARRY RAKER 584-7725 COMMITMENT SUNDAY	**4** 10:30a Circle 1 7:00p Cub Scouts 7:00 Circle 3 7:30p Circle 2	**5** Noon Communion	**6** 7:00p Cir 8:00p A.
10 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Noon Congregational Meeting 5:30p Worship 6:30p Youth DEACON ON CALL BILL RUTH 446-1136	**11** 7:00p Cub Scouts	**12** Noon Communion Noon TORCH DEADLINE 7:00p PFLAG	**13** 7:00p Cir 8:00p A.
17 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:30p Youth DEACON ON CALL MARTIN SHOTZBERGER 584-7415	**18** 7:00p Pack Meeting	**19** Noon Communion	**20** 7:00p Cir 8:00p A.
24 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 11:00p Worship 6:30p Youth DEACON ON CALL NELL SNYDER 584-6247 CHRISTMAS EVE	**25** CHRISTMAS DAY	**26** Noon Communion	**27** 7:00p Cir 8:00p A.
31 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Worship 6:30p Youth DEACON ON CALL JACKIE MATLOCK 584-7961 NEW YEAR'S EVE	Circle 3 will meet on Mon., December 4 at 7pm at the home of Sara Dodson and Melva Foster.		

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 WORLD AIDS DAY 6:45p SPECIAL FRIDAYS 7:00p Shelter Meal/Trustees (Danieley) 7:30p Aids Day Service at the Church of the Holy Comforter	**2** 9:00a Decorating Sanctuary
7 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club Noon Communion	**8**	**9**
14 7:30a Breakfast Bible Club Noon Communion	**15**	**16**
21 Noon Communion	**22**	**23**
28	**29**	**30**

Time Change!!

Church Congregational Meeting
Noon - December 17

The Burlington Are Men's Fellowship met at Lakeview Community UCC on October 26. Men from Elon Church in attendance: Walter Boyd, Emmett Floyd, W.J. Andes

The next two meetings:

January 25, 2001 - 7pm - Union Ridge
April 26, 2001 - 7pm - Elon College Community Church

Emmett installed the new officers:

President: Doug Wilson (Providence)
Vice President: Steve Balog (First Reformed)
Secretary: Carl Walker (Union Ridge)
Treasurer: Dewey Rainey (Haw River)

In his installation service, Emmett remarked that women are more involved in the local church than men. He urged men to become more involved. This could be the basis of the program for April 26: "Men Becoming Involved in the Local Church."

Men are needed to prepare the meal and to coordinate the April 26, 2001 meeting. Let Bill Andes know if you can help.

Bill Andes

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Service Faire Committee is extremely grateful to everyone who supported the Service Faire by donating items or services, by attending and bidding generously. Your wide variety of donations meant there was something for everyone. A special thanks to those of you who helped as tellers, cashiers, etc. It was an enjoyable and profitable time. The proceeds of the event have passed $8,000!

Service Faire 2000 Committee

I also want to acknowledge and thank the Service Faire Committee members. The members are Ann Acquilano, Liz and Arch Aitcheson, Liz Bensen, Shirley Beyer, Doris and Biff Brafford, Verona and Earl Danieley, Sara Dobson, Melva Foster, Val and George Padgett, Linda and Barry Raker and Linda Vogg. This group has been since last spring making plans and contacting merchants for donations. Each person has worked hard to make the event run smoothly. Great job!

Ken Bensen

NOVEMBER NEEDS LISTS FOR ALLIED CHURCHES

CARING & SHARING, Rev. Perry, 229-0881

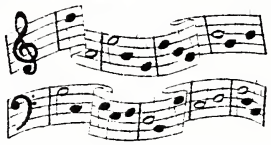
BURLINGTON, MEBANE, GRAHAM Need persons to rake leaves for an elderly person.

BURLINGTON	Senior male needs help with MAIL.
BURLINGTON	Elderly Gentleman requests friendly visits or calls.
BURLINGTON	Disabled lady requests friendly visits and calls.
BURLINGTON	Disabled lady needs someone to help with shopping/errands
BURLINGTON	Senior Lady needs weeding & flower watering
BURLINGTON	Senior lady needs help shopping.
BURLINGTON	Senior gentleman needs assist with shopping
GRAHAM	Senior lady needs person to shop and carry in groceries
GRAHAM	Disabled male needs someone to shop for him.
GRAHAM	Senior lady requests visits by phone or in person.
GRAHAM	Senior lady would like a roommate.
GRAHAM	Senior man requests visits
MEBANE	Elderly lady needs help with shopping

GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY KITCHEN - Michelle Embree, 229-4343
Sugar, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Napkins, Crackers, Coffee, Creamer, Tea, Chicken Broth, Cheese Soup, Celery Soup, Mushroom Soup, Canned fruit, Plastic spoons.

EMERGENCY NIGHT SHELTER, Bill Adams, 222-0749
Automatic dishwasher detergent, Bath Soap, Deodorant, Disposable Razors, sweetened CEREAL, Lotion, Shaving Cream, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste. VOLUNTEERS, 6:00 - 11:00 PM

Handbells in January



for Children and Youth?

YOU DECIDE!!

For us to have beginning and youth handbell choirs, several children and youth (Grades 3 - 12) are needed. Please complete and return the registration below if you wish your child to participate in either of these groups for one month. Meeting times are listed below:

Every Sunday in January, 2001

Beginning Bells	4:00 p.m.
Youth Bells	5:00 p.m.

Child's Name_____

Child's Grade in School_____

Parent(s)'Names_____

Parents'Phone/E-mail_____

Call Betty Dillashaw (538-0672) with any questions. Registrations are needed in the church office by Sunday, December 24, 2000.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
(12/12)10 MONTHS
General Fund/1st State
REPORT DATE: 10/30/2000

CCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
OME						
OTAL INCOME	19,073.74	177,727.43	163,918.40	13,809.03+	202,702.00	173,228.77
OTAL RENTAL INCOME	1,985.00	9,015.00	11,083.30	2,068.30	13,300.00	11,170.00
OTAL OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	15.00-
OTAL SALES TAX REFUND	.00	.00	666.70	666.70	800.00	.00
OTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
OTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	34.34	50.13	125.00	74.87	150.00	1,287.07
OTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	555.00	2,604.97	.00	2,604.97+	.00	4,678.52
OTAL Interest	18.62	507.36	416.70	90.66+	500.00	578.48
OTAL Misc. Income Accts	.00	217.00	.00	217.00+	.00	7,980.01
OTAL INCOME	21,666.70	190,121.89	176,210.10	13,911.79+	217,452.00	198,907.85
NSES						
TAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME	.00	1,098.00	.00	1,098.00+	.00	2,052.00
TAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH	500.00	2,355.00	1,960.00	395.00+	2,360.00	2,345.00
TAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH	833.00	8,430.00	8,650.00	220.00	10,900.00	12,685.00
TAL WORSHIP EXPENSES	123.87	1,254.73	1,955.50	700.77	2,470.00	2,746.80
TAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	1,026.06	3,157.26	2,795.80	361.46+	3,225.00	8,435.66
TAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES	.00	738.89	266.00	472.89+	300.00	282.26
TAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP	342.84	3,025.44	4,807.00	1,781.56	5,725.00	2,927.81
TAL SALARY EXPENSES	11,092.37	121,779.03	141,294.70	19,515.67	170,172.00	131,620.53
TAL Facility Operation Exp.	3,578.68	37,821.20	40,040.40	2,219.20	48,120.00	39,613.98
TAL Misc Expense Accts	.00	1,128.49	.00	1,128.49+	.00	1,145.34
TAL EXPENSES	17,496.82	180,788.04	201,769.40	20,981.36	243,272.00	203,854.38
T TOTALS	4,169.88	9,333.85				4,946.53-

es, it is ridiculous ... but it
ure sells a lot of books."

Stan Allen (c)MMI

"... and please forgive Reverend Fletcher for saying those words he used when my bat hit his shin."

Mort (c)MMI

Wouldn't it be great if children had to chop wood in order to keep the TV set going?

Henry Boye (c)MMI

"Modern music is really something. A waiter in a club dropped a tray of dishes and six couples got up to dance."

Henry Boye (c)MMI

ELON Homes for Children

The Barringer Center for Child Development • Therapeutic Foster C
Crisis Care • Moderate Management Residential Care
Lakeside Charter Public School • Kennedy Charter Public School
Family Care • Vocational Learning

REV. DR. FREDERICK G. GROSSE
President

October 13, 2000

Rev. Archie Aitcheson
Elon College Community UCC
PO Box 625
Elon College, NC 27244-0625

Dear Arch:

Thank you very much for your congregational gift of $100.00 to Elon Homes for Children.

Your gift and the gifts of other caring supporters make possible the programs and services Elon Homes is able to provide for the young people in our care. By offering a stable, nurturing and healing environment, each child has a chance to move forward to meaningful and successful lives.

We are truly grateful for your support.

Thank you, Arch.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Grosse
President

Our federal tax identification number is 56-0543225
The law requires us to state that no goods or services were provided in return for this gift.

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Snyder Campus
P.O. Box 157
Elon College, NC 27244
(336) 584-0091
FAX (336) 584-4026
http//www.elonhomes.org

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Kennedy Campus
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FAX (704) 543-6628

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TREASURER'S REPORT 10/31/00

GENERAL FUND

	Annual Budget	Monthly	Actual to date 10/31/00	Budget to date 10/31/00	
Income	$217,452.00	$18,121.00	$190,121.89	$176,210.10	$13,911.79
Expenses	$243,272.00	$20,272.67	$180,788.04	$201,769.40	($20,981.36)
Deficit( )	($25,820.00)	($2,151.67)	**$9,333.85**	($25,559.30)	
DEFICIT STATUS As of 10/31/00			$9,333.85	$25,559.30	**$34,893.15**

	10/31/00		12/31/99
Funds on hand		Funds on hand	
Checking CCB	$0.00	Checking	$3,697.43
Checking 1ST State	$12,663.41	Money Market	$1,272.10
Total	$12,663.41	Total	$4,969.53
Designated/Liabilities	$23,012.81	Designated/Liabilities	$24,652.78
Actual on hand	($10,349.40)	Actual on hand	($19,683.25)
Reserve	$11,081.90	Reserve	$11,980.66
Bld Fund Loan	$0.00		$0.00
Net Available	**$732.50**	Net Available	**($7,702.59)**

OBLIGATIONS NOT PAID TO DATE:

TOTAL NOT PAID: $0.00

BUILDING\MEMORIAL FUNDS

	10/31/00		
Building Fund	$10,539.16	Checking	$432.99
Capital Fund Drive '96	$1,959.49	Money Market	$63,873.25
Steeple Repair Fund	$2,761.33	Certificate of Deposit	$11,589.85
New Fellowship Bld	$11,157.52		
Interest Received	$4,377.69	Total	$75,896.09
Interest Paid	($4,305.00)		
Other Memorials	$49,405.90	Anonymous Loan	$0.00
Total	**$75,896.09**	Net Available	**$75,896.09**

Notes: Negative or deficits amounts are shown as ( )

******* THE BUDGET SURPLUS IS DUE TO REDUCED SALARY EXPENSE AND INCREASE GIVING TO DATE

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Opportunities for Service
at our Sunday Services

Flowers for December
Dec 3 - Dr. and Mrs. William Rippy
Dec 10 - Mr. and Mrs. William Linde
Dec 17 - Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Grimley
Dec 24 - Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Brafford
Dec 31 - The Martin Family

Ushers for December
Dec 3 - Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley, Bill Menikheim, Stan Willard
Dec 10 - Jimma Causey, Steve Perry, Helmut Vogg, Linda Vogg
Dec 17 - Bill Beyer, Ray Harclerode, Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins
Dec 24 - Eric Allshouse, Bill Linde, George Oakley, George Troxler
Dec 31 - Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, David Ruth, Ken Bensen

Acolytes for December
Dec 3 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry
Dec 10 - Laura Brown/Anna Wilkins
Dec 17 - Miranda Rich/Nicole Williamson
Dec 24 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley
Dec 31 - Jeff Wilkins/Zach Welborn

Greeters for December
Dec 3 - James and Lorene Lyon
Dec 10 - Eddie ad Patsy Oliver
Dec 17 - Richard and Dee Brgg
Dec 24 - Biff and Doris Brafford
Dec 31 - Earl and Verona Danieley

Bulletin Board Update for December
1st Week - Linda Vogg
2nd Week - Olga Griswold
3rd Week - Verona Danieley
4th Week - Dave Turnage
5th Week - Verona Danieley

Nursery for December
Dec 3 - Eric and Melodie Allshouse
Dec 10 - Lorie Goodwin/Margaret Smith
Dec 17 - Earl and Verona Danieley
Dec 24 - Ann Acquilano/Beth Wilkins
Dec 31 - Unlisted

Liturgists for December
Dec 3 - Lynn Denny
Dec 10 - Leigh Ann Denny
Dec 17 - Norma Watson
Dec 24 - Barry Raker
Dec 31 - Dick Rinker

Second Hour Child Care for December
Dec 3 - Sue and Laura Brown
Dec 10 - Lynn & Leigh Ann Denny
Dec 17 - Patsy and Eddie Oliver
Dec 24 - Gayland Welborn/Mark Daneieley
Dec 31 - Bill Linde/Katherine Floyd

Church Attendance for
Nov 5 - 202
Nov 12 - 148
Nov 19 - 187
Nov 26 - 124

"I'm glad that we've managed to adjust to one another's life-styles after t years of married life Heler

Hank Fowler (c)

"It's terrible growing old alone",
a man said to his friend.
"But you have a wife",
the friend exclaimed.
"I know", replied the man, *"but wife hasn't celebrated a birthda over ten years."*

Henry Boye (c

You don't have to li awake nights to succ — just stay awake da

Henry Boye (

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